



The Truth About

~~Become an Original Co-sponsor~~
~~of the Medicare for All Act of 2019!~~

U.S. House of Representatives



PARTNERSHIP FOR AMERICA'S
HEALTH CARE FUTURE

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to ask for your support as an original cosponsor of the ~~Medicare for All Act of 2019~~. **Upend Employer-Provided Coverage For All Americans Act of 2019.**

This is a watershed moment in the fight for guaranteed health care for every resident of the United States. **Exactly! Which is why we need to work to improve health care, which covers more Americans than ever before, not destroy it.** ~~Over the past two years, the movement toward a single payer system has gained tremendous steam around the country, with seventy percent of Americans now supporting Medicare for All[1]~~

Myth 1:  **Americans Support One-Size-Fits-All Health Care**

Americans don't support Medicare For All once they hear the details. A recent national poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that support for such a plan drops significantly once we move past the campaign rhetoric. From KFF: "Net favorability drops as low as -44 percentage points when people hear the argument that this would lead to delays in some people getting some medical tests and treatments. Net favorability is also negative if people hear it would threaten the current Medicare program (-28 percentage points), require most Americans to pay more in taxes (-23 percentage points), or eliminate private health insurance companies (-21 percentage points)."

Every American has a right to quality health care. ~~Unfortunately, that is not the reality for far too many. Nearly 30 million people in the United States are uninsured,[2] and at least 41 million more are unable to afford the costs of their co-pays and deductibles.[3] We spend more on health care than any other industrialized country, and yet the quality of our health care is worse than all of our neighbors. Each year, we spend hundreds of billions of dollars on unnecessary administrative costs because of the current multi-payer framework, and the profits of hospitals, insurance and pharmaceutical corporations.~~

Fix it, don't ditch it! 

For the past several months, we have worked closely with policy experts, health care professionals, patient advocates and movement leaders to revise and improve the bill formerly introduced by Congressman John Conyers as HR 676, which laid the foundation for what a Medicare for All system should look like. We incorporated important updates made in Senator Sanders' Medicare for All bill, as well as additional updates critical to our country's future health care system. This year, the bill will be introduced under a new number with these important policy improvements.



Myth 2:

Americans Are Unhappy With Their Employer-Provided Coverage

More Americans than ever before are happy with their health care coverage. A recent poll by America's Health Insurance Plans found that 72 percent of Americans are satisfied with their current health care coverage. Another poll by Gallup saw that 69 percent and 80 percent respectively of Americans were happy with the coverage and quality of the healthcare they receive. Further, Medicare for All would end Medicare as we know it, including the popular Medicare Advantage program. It would force seniors into a single, government-run system with every other American.

The Medicare for All Act of 2019 improves and expands the overwhelmingly successful and popular Medicare program, so that every resident of the United States has guaranteed access to health care with comprehensive benefits. These benefits would be greatly improved from the existing traditional Medicare – adding dental, vision, prescription drugs, women's reproductive health services, maternity and newborn care, long term services and supports and more. It would require no out-of-pocket costs for patients for any services, and it would allow all patients the freedom to choose the doctors, hospitals, and other providers they wish to see.

Myth 3:

A One-Size-Fits-All System Is A Solution To America's Health Care Challenges

The costs of Medicare for All would be enormous and would force middle-class families to pay more, including through massive tax hikes. Research both from the liberal-leaning Urban Institute and libertarian-leaning Mercatus Center has found that single payer health care plans would cost taxpayers \$32 trillion over ten years. Others have also stated that it would eliminate choice and control for millions of patients.



Among other things, the bill would simplify the health system and cut down on administrative costs, improve payment systems to hospitals and providers and reduce the cost of prescription drugs by allowing for negotiation of drug prices. Americans like having choice and control over their health care. *Does anybody actually think that putting health care in the hands of Washington politicians and bureaucrats is the right choice?*

Medicare for All is the solution our country needs. Patients, nurses, doctors, working families, people with disabilities and others have been telling us this for years, and it's time that Congress listens.

See above!

Please join us as an original cosponsor. If you have any questions or to sign on, please email Danielle Fulfs in Rep. Jayapal's office (danielle.fulfs@mail.house.gov) or Joe McNally in Rep. Dingell's office (joe.mcnelly@mail.house.gov). A copy of the text or section by section is available upon request. *All Americans deserve access to affordable health coverage and high-quality care. Approximately 90 percent of all Americans are insured and more than 180 million receive employer-provided coverage. We can and should do more to improve the system for everyone, but we need to fix what's broken, not start over. That's how we'll achieve the health care future that Americans deserve.*

Sincerely,

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*Sincerely,
The Partnership for America's
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