

New York nurses for a national single-payer health plan

The best plan for patients

Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. To ensure that every American has access to care, we must abandon a system based on for-profit, private insurance companies. These corporations have the power to dictate who will get health care, based on a profit motive rather than patient needs.

The public has an absolute right to democratically set overall health policies and priorities, but medical decisions must be made by patients and providers rather than dictated from afar.

A single-payer insurance plan would be financed by the government and administered by the states, similar to the current Medicare program. In fact, a single-payer system can be described as expanded and improved Medicare that covers everyone.

The best plan for healthcare providers

The U.S. now has the most bureaucratic healthcare system in the world. There are more than 1,500 different insurance plans, making our insurance system extremely complex and fragmented. About one third of every healthcare dollar goes to paperwork, overhead, insurance companies' operating costs and profits, and other items unrelated to patient care. It is estimated that a single-payer system would save \$350 billion a year.

The best plan for taxpayers and employers.

H.R.676 proposes a 2% increase in personal income tax, which would be offset by the elimination of all current insurance premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and all other out-of-pocket payments. A 7% payroll tax on employers would replace their current expenses for employee health coverage and put them on a level playing field with other developed nations that already have single-payer systems.



Don't settle for less than the best!

Medical savings accounts, mandatory coverage, or any system that relies primarily on private, for-profit insurance coverage will not cure the ills of our healthcare system. Now is the time to move toward a single-payer plan that would reduce costs and improve efficiency. More than 60% of Americans believe health coverage should be provided by the government. Listen to them.