



The Medicare for All Act of 2019

Coverage	<p>Covers all medically necessary care, including hospitalization and doctor visits; dental, vision, and hearing care; mental health services; reproductive care, including abortion; long-term care services and supports; ambulatory services; and prescription drugs.</p> <p>Covers all U.S. residents. Coverage is portable and lifelong.</p>
Choice	<p>Provides free choice of doctor or hospital.</p>
Cost	<p>Eliminates all patient cost-sharing such as copays, premiums, and deductibles.</p>
Budgeting & Efficiency	<p>Pays institutions such as hospitals and nursing homes via lump sum global operating budgets to provide covered items and services.</p> <p>Funds capital expenditures such as expansions and renovations with a separate budget.</p> <p>Pays individual providers on a fee-for-service basis that does not include “value-based” payment adjustments.</p> <p>Providers cannot use fees for profit, marketing, or bonuses.</p> <p>Establishes a national drug formulary that promotes the use of generics. HHS will negotiate prices for drugs, supplies, and equipment on an annual basis.</p> <p>Allows the override of drug patents when drug firms demand extortionate prices (a key recommendation from PNHP’s 2018 Pharma Proposal).</p>
Health Equity	<p>Provides regional funding for rural and urban areas that are medically underserved.</p> <p>Preserves the benefits provided by the Dept. of Veteran Affairs and the Indian Health Service.</p> <p>Overrides the Hyde Amendment that bans federal funding of abortion.</p>
Transition to Medicare for all	<p>Implements Medicare for All over a two-year transition period.</p> <p>In the first year, current Medicare enrollees can utilize expanded benefits such as dental and vision care. After year one, the plan automatically enrolls everyone ages 0-18 and 55 and older, and also offers a Medicare Transition buy-in plan through the Federal and State exchanges during this time.</p> <p>Allocates one percent of budget for the first five years to assistance for workers displaced by the elimination of private health insurance.</p>