

The single-payer path to genuine health care reform: The Expanded & Improved Medicare for All Act, H.R. 676

Brief Summary

- The Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, H.R. 676, would establish a single-payer national health insurance program in the United States.
- The bill would create a publicly financed, privately delivered health care system that builds on the existing Medicare program. It would improve and expand Medicare to cover all U.S. residents.
- Patients would go to the doctors and hospitals of their choice.
- The legislation would guarantee access to comprehensive, high quality and affordable health care to everyone who needs it, regardless of employment, income or health status.
- By replacing our nation's fragmented patchwork of competing private insurance companies (with their wasteful administrative costs, profits and high executive salaries) with a nonprofit single-payer program, the nation would save more than \$500 billion per year, enough to guarantee comprehensive health care to all, with no co-pays or deductibles.
- The program would be funded through a combination of existing federal and state health care spending, a modest payroll and income tax based on ability to pay, and surtaxes on very high-income groups. Payroll taxes would be fully offset by a reduction in premiums and the virtual elimination of out-of-pocket expenses.
- H.R. 676 would help contain rising health care costs through streamlined administration, bulk purchasing and global budgeting.
- The bill has been introduced by Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota and, as of March 2018, is co-sponsored by over 100 members of Congress

Take Action!

- **Urge your representative to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 676 by going to www.pnhp.org/hr676petition and using the editable form letter.**
- **We need to send a strong message to congress that we won't wait for single payer. Join our movement at www.pnhp.org**