

Improved Medicare for All *Quick Facts*

Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The USA spends twice as much per capita on health care as other industrialized nations, yet we rank near the bottom in nearly all health indicators (including life expectancy and infant and maternal mortality).• 30 million Americans still have no health insurance and another 40 million are <u>underinsured</u>.• Most U.S. household bankruptcies are due mainly to medical bills – and most of those households had health insurance.• Our prescription drug prices are the highest in the world. Congress has prohibited Medicare from negotiating drug prices.• Each year, one trillion of our healthcare dollars go to administrative costs (31%).
Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Having just a single payer, like Medicare, can cut administrative costs in half, saving \$500 billion dollars annually.• Negotiating drug and medical device prices can save \$150 billion dollars/yr.• The savings are more than enough to cover <u>all</u> Americans’ healthcare including dental, vision, and prescriptions – with no co-pays or deductibles.• Funding for Improved Medicare for All will be less than current healthcare expenses for <u>95% of households</u>.
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care remains <u>private</u> with free choice of doctors and hospitals.• Health decisions will be made by you and your doctor – not an insurance company focused on maximizing profits.• Medicare for All will strengthen business, as employers will no longer be required to provide health insurance. Companies will be better able to compete globally.• Americans can change jobs or become entrepreneurs without fear of losing health insurance.
<p>Call your U.S. Representatives and Senators through the Capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121 Ask them to support House bill <u>H.R. 676</u> & Senate bill <u>S.1804</u>.</p>	

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