

# HOW

## CAN YOU MAKE SINGLE-PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH CARE HAPPEN?

We won't get single-payer until we elect representatives who haven't sold out to the giant health insurance companies and drug companies.

We won't get single-payer until Representatives are AFRAID to oppose it, because they could lose their jobs!

## 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

- 1 VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
[www.gp.org](http://www.gp.org)  
[www.gp.org/single\\_payer](http://www.gp.org/single_payer)
- 2 HELP BUILD THE GREEN PARTY**  
We need YOU to donate, to volunteer, and to run for office!
- 3 TAKE DIRECT ACTION**  
See our list of activist groups in this brochure.
- 4 CALL YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE** and demand that they support the single-payer bill, HR 676.  
**CALL YOUR SENATORS** and demand that they accept single-payer in the conference bill.  
Congress switchboard: 202-224-3121.
- 5 WRITE LETTERS TO EDITORS, CALL TALK SHOWS, AND SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE MEDIA** to break the mainstream media blackout.

# ABOUT

## THE GREEN PARTY

The Green Party is a political party and part of a global movement.

We confront the two party duopoly, and the corporate power behind it, by linking the electoral process to the struggle for environmental and social justice.

GPUS has affiliates in 45 states. More than 200 Green elected officials are serving around the United States. Internationally the Green Party is in almost 90 countries, across Africa, Asia, Europe and The Americas.

## CONTACT

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The US is the **ONLY** industrialized country **WITHOUT** a health care system that covers all its citizens.

# PROBLEM

Elected Republicans and Democrats are blocking single-payer national health care. Their phony "reform" will mean thousands more deaths, personal and business bankruptcies, and much higher costs.

# SOLUTION

## The Green Party

Supporting Single-Payer  
National Health Care 100%



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# WHY

## DO WE NEED SINGLE-PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH CARE?

The for-profit health care system doesn't work.

18,000 Americans die every year because they didn't have health insurance.

Thousands of Americans WITH health insurance also die, because health insurers delayed or denied their care.

Nearly half of all young people (19-34) are without health insurance.

Approximately half of all personal bankruptcies are caused by medical bills.

American businesses can't afford to provide insurance for their workers.

Single-payer is the best alternative.

Single-payer is cheaper than for-profit health insurance. Countries with national health care spend about HALF as much per person on health care than we do, yet their people are healthier.

Single-payer delivers better care. The profit motive driving our current system inevitably diverts resources from patients to investors, executive pay, advertising, lobbying, a morass of paperwork, etc.

Only single-payer can cover everyone.

308 Million Americans  
= 2 Political Parties =  
Democracy?

# HOW

## WILL SINGLE-PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH CARE WORK FOR US?

Under a single-payer system, all Americans would be covered for all medically necessary services, including: doctor, hospital, preventive, long-term care, mental health, reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drug and medical supply costs.

Doctors would be paid fee-for-service or receive salary from a hospital or nonprofit HMO / group practice. The system would pay hospitals for operating expenses. Health facilities and expensive equipment purchases would be managed by regional health boards.

A single-payer system would be financed by eliminating private insurers and saving what they waste on profit, administration, and harassing patients and doctors. Premiums and out-of-pocket payments currently paid by individuals and business would be replaced by modest new taxes amounting to half or 2/3 what we pay now. Such savings are impossible if the killing, profiteering insurers stay in business.

Costs would be controlled through preventing disease instead of treating it later, negotiated fees, budgeting and bulk purchasing.

# WHO

## WILL MAKE SINGLE-PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH CARE A REALITY?

WE WILL!

Green Party  
[www.gp.org](http://www.gp.org)

Health Care Now!  
[www.healthcare-now.org](http://www.healthcare-now.org)

Labor Campaign for Single Payer Health Care  
[www.laborforsinglepayer.org](http://www.laborforsinglepayer.org)

Leadership Conference for Guaranteed Health Care  
[guaranteedhealthcare4all.org](http://guaranteedhealthcare4all.org)

Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign  
[economichumanrights.org](http://economichumanrights.org)

FAIR – Fairness and Accuracy in Media  
[fair.org](http://fair.org)

Mobilize for Health Care  
[www.mobilizeforhealthcare.org](http://www.mobilizeforhealthcare.org)

