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In the News

Happy Holidays! Welcome to the second and final newsletter of 2018! HCACF has accomplished a lot this year and owes you a huge thank-you for your continued support. We are especially grateful to those of you who visit our website, share your thoughts, attend our presentations, email us and challenge us. We also greatly acknowledge those who have generously donated to our cause. HCACF also encourages you to join us; we are always looking for volunteers and new supporters.

From the Research & Education Committee

The research work done by HealthCare for All Colorado Foundation (HCACF) is focused on the financing of a national insurance enterprise. We believe that the complexities of establishing a single insurer as a state enterprise presents difficulties that will not result in high quality coverage at a reasonable cost. The key to building a single insurer such as "Medicare for All" is devising a plan utilizing the established structures of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

From the Center for the Study of Public National Health Insurance (PNHI)

Health Insurance Reform – A Public National Social Insurance

Americans have a low regard for the current American health system. However, on considering the quality of health services, they provide a high rating. This difference in opinion is a function of how the nation finances health insurance. The problems with the current healthcare system are well known. Our focus is to find a way to pay for the system with high quality care at a reasonable cost.

Current plans for a public national health insurance reform include:

- [H.R.676 - Expanded & Improved Medicare For All Act](#) - *no business plan defined.*
- [S.1804 - Medicare for All Act of 2017](#) – *some characteristics of a business plan are presented.*
- Reinhardt, U. An All-American Health-Reform Proposal. Princeton Alumni Review. March 10, 1993 – *this article contains several key concepts for building a public national health insurance.*

Continue to follow our work over the upcoming year to learn about financing a public national health insurance (PNHI) that provides quality care at a reasonable cost.

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HCAC Foundation provides education and research regarding a national single-payer, comprehensive healthcare system for all.

HCAC Foundation is committed to achieving healthcare justice and equality for everyone, without financial barrier.

Highlights

Michele Swenson examines how many efforts in Washington focus on the privatization of Medicare to perpetuate a fragmented multi-payer financing model that is unsustainable and increases administrative costs. Read Michele's essay [Privatization of Medicare by Expansion of Medicare Advantage Plans, a "Public Option," and More](#)

Tom Gottlieb explains HCACF's focus on financing a public, national health insurance that provides quality care at a reasonable cost. [Read Tom's essay.](#)

Donna Smith believes in building a better healthcare system in the United States, but not at the expense of the poor. Read Donna's essay [Making People Poorer is Not Good for Public Health](#)

Robert Messman supports a plan to sustainably finance and implement a single insurer health care system. Read Robert's plan [Roadmap to Single Insurer.](#)

Quote *"If there is no struggle, there is no progress"*
" Frederick Douglass

Website

A few months ago, we started keeping track of how many people have been visiting our [website](#). We are just under 3000 visits so can you help us reach our goal? Take a look around; engage, read an article or two. And then please let us know what you think! [We welcome your feedback and comments.](#)

Our three most popular pages are: [Recent Reports & Activities](#), [Health Care Reform Articles](#) and [Health Care Forum](#). Please join the conversation!

Event Calendar

HCACF Office is open every Tuesday from 9:00 am -11:30 am
HCACF Research & Education Committee meets every two weeks
HCACF Board meetings- 3rd Monday of the month, except Jan and Feb – 2nd Monday
February 13 – Save the date for a special event at the Capitol

Check out our [calendar](#) for HCACF and other healthcare related events. If you know of any events that are not posted yet, please email us at info@hcacfoundation.org