



HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

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EVERYBODY IN,
NOBODY OUT.

Bringing Publicly-Funded, Privately-Delivered
Health Care to Our State

The United States has the highest over-all health-care costs in the developed world.



- Our health care expenses have gone up by 59% since 2000.
 - 67% of bankruptcies are due to medical costs.
 - 28 million Americans are uninsured.
 - 38 million Americans have inadequate insurance.
- ▶ **Our health care costs twice as much per capita as other developed nations, but the quality of our care doesn't reflect that.**
- Our life expectancy is five years less than in other developed countries.
 - 1 in 3 Americans skip medical treatments because of the high cost.
 - We have the highest number of preventable childhood deaths among developed countries.



Photo: Real Change

Susan's Story

A former cement mason, Susan was driven to homelessness by medical costs after a car accident. Singlepayer healthcare would have made a huge difference in her life.

Today, Susan has stable housing, a new hip (thanks to publicly-funded insurance) and is a staunch advocate for Everybody In, Nobody Out healthcare.

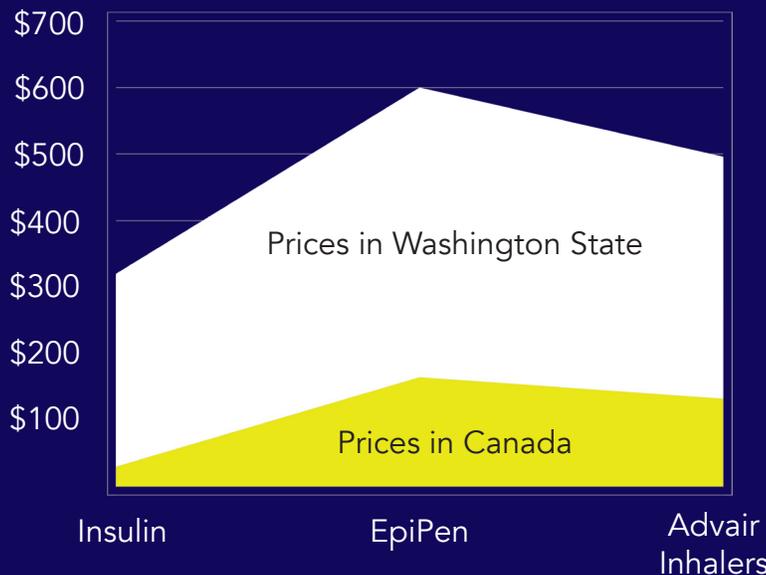
Costs are high in Washington State



- The average Washingtonian spends 25% of their income (\$20,000) on health insurance.
- 6% of people are uninsured.

Sources: American Journal of Public Health, March 2019; Health in the United States Report, CDC, 2017 and Cris M. Currie, RN, MA. "A Medicare for All Q & A"; Commonwealth Fund 2.7.19; PBS.org: "Healthcare Crisis – Who's at Risk?"; Kaiser Family Foundation; Washington State Institute for Public Policy, May 2019; Penn Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics

The high cost of medicines in Washington State



"Among Americans without continuous insurance coverage...one-third reported they did not fill a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses of medicine, because of the cost."

– Paying for Prescription Drugs Around the World: Why Is the U.S. an Outlier?
The Commonwealth Fund, 2017

The Solution

HCFA-WA advocates for single-payer universal health care coverage for Washington state residents.

What is Universal health coverage?

Universal health coverage (UHC) means that all people and communities have ready access to high-quality health care. The health care not only treats medical conditions when they arise but also provides preventative, rehabilitative, and palliative treatment. Further, UHC ensures that the care does not cause patients financial hardship.

UHC embodies three related objectives:

1. Equity in access to health services – everyone who needs services gets them, not only those who can pay for them;
2. Coverage will include high-quality, comprehensive health care; and
3. People are protected against financial-risk, ensuring that the cost of using services does not put people at risk of financial harm.



“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King

HCFA-WA: Political Advocacy & Education

Since 1994, HCFA continues to:

- Work with legislators to propose and support meaningful healthcare legislation;
- Participate in coalitions and develop our grassroots network;
- Establish relationships with private sector employers and groups interested in healthcare legislation;
- Provide supporters with action alerts enabling them to advocate for pending legislation;
- Monitor ongoing legislative efforts; &
- Holds public forums on health care.

HCFA-WA also played an important role in establishing the Universal Health Care Work Group in the 2019 Legislative Session.



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What makes HCFA-WA especially effective?



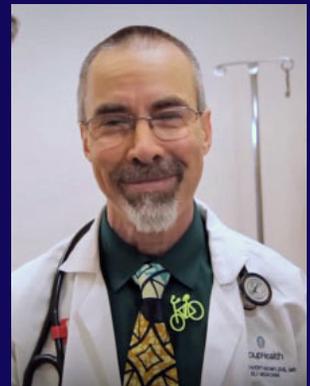
With our dedicated lobbyist in Olympia and our Health Care Champions in the legislature, HCFA made great strides in the 2019 legislative session:

- Secured five amendments strengthening the Pathway to Universal Health Care bill and
- Worked successfully to pass the Cascade Care bill.

HCFA-WA introduced several insulin and drug affordability bills for the 2020 session with bi-partisan support and with national and state media attention. Two of the bills could help 650,000 Washingtonians with diabetes afford their life-saving medications. We also advocate for additional legislation that can lead to universal health care.

“As a doctor, it’s devastating to lose a patient because they can’t afford treatment. I have signed two Washington state death certificates listing the underlying cause as lack of health insurance. In one case, a woman in her 40s died of breast cancer because she couldn’t afford treatment. Another woman, in her early 60s, died of heart disease. These cases are haunting. No one should die because they don’t have health insurance.”

– Chris Covert-Bowlds, MD & HCFA-WA Board Member



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Make a donation

Your gift will help keep the HCFA-WA movement surging forward!

Join us

Join our e-mail list to receive Action Alerts, information, and more!

Become a Volunteer

Getting legislation passed in Washington State is doable, but not without a committed group of volunteers. Please visit the website to see how you can make a difference.

Share Your Story

Legislators need to hear why universal healthcare is a necessity. Visit the website to submit testimony for us to present to our legislators in Olympia.

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to donate, join our email list,
volunteer & share your story

HCFA-WA has been working hard to bring health care equity to Washington State.

HCFA-WA is a political advocacy group. The 501(c)(4) part of our organization is dependent on donations to pay for coalition building, work with legislators in Olympia, a lobbyist to work on our issues, and field organizing. Donations to the 501(c)(4) are *not* tax deductible.

HCFA-WA also has a 501(c)(3) Education Fund to promote and expand Washington residents' understanding of high quality, universal health care. Donations to the Education Fund are tax deductible.



Erica Nealious-Grall, Volunteer Coordinator



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Americans spent \$3.65 trillion on health care in 2018. This is the highest amount in the developed world.

And yet many people, **even those with insurance coverage**, can't afford the treatment they need when they face a healthcare emergency.

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