

Improved Medicare for All Quick Facts

Problems:

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- Our prescription drug prices are the highest in the world. Congress prohibited Medicare from negotiating drug prices.
- **30 million** Americans still have no health insurance & another **44 million** are **underinsured** (can't afford deductibles, etc.) Most U.S. household bankruptcies are due mainly to medical bills – and most of those households had health insurance.

Solutions:

- Having just a single payer, like Medicare, can cut administrative costs in half, saving up to **\$600 billion dollars** annually.
- Negotiating drug & medical device prices can save **\$150 billion/yr**
- The savings are **more than enough** to cover all Americans' healthcare, including dental, vision, & prescriptions, with no co-pays or deductibles.
- Taxes to fund Improved Medicare for All will be **less** than current healthcare expenses for **95% of households** and **most businesses**.

Advantages:

- Care remains **private** with **free choice** of doctors & hospitals.
- Health **decisions will be made by you & your doctor** – not an insurance company focused on maximizing profits.
- Medicare for All will strengthen business, as employers will no longer be burdened with providing health insurance. Companies will be better able to compete globally.
- Americans can **change jobs** or become **entrepreneurs** without fear of losing health insurance.

Call your U.S. Representatives & Senators through the Capitol switchboard:

202-224-3121

Ask them to support House bill **H.R. 1384** & Senate bill **S.1129**

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