

# NEW YORK HEALTH ACT

## MEDICARE FOR ALL= GOOD FOR UNION MEMBERS AND YOUR UNION

The NY Health Act is legislation that will create a universal, publicly financed—aka ‘Medicare for All’—healthcare system in NYS. Here are 8 reasons why it’s good for union members:



**UNIVERSAL:** All medically necessary services, including primary, dental, inpatient, and long-term care, will be provided for every New York State resident.



**PUBLIC GOOD:** Access to health care will become a right, like fire protection and public education.



**WORKER POWER:** Bargaining for basic health care coverage will no longer be the cause of strikes, lockouts, and concession bargaining.



**GUARANTEED:** With NY Health and Medicare for All, healthcare will no longer be tied to employment. Union members fought hard for benefits, and these benefits shouldn’t disappear if you lose your job or get sick. With Medicare for All, you can change jobs, go on strike, or even retire without putting your health benefits at risk.



**BETTER BENEFITS:** With health benefits off the table, there will be money for wage increases, better working conditions, and other benefits that unions can fight for.



**AFFORDABLE:** There will be no deductibles, no copays, no limited provider networks, no out-of-network charges, no out-of-pocket expenses for covered care. Study after study shows most people will pay a lot less than they do now for better healthcare benefits.



**COMPREHENSIVE:** Union members will have more comprehensive and more secure health benefits than provided in any union-bargained agreement. These include long-term care and support services, which no union-negotiated plan includes.



**PEACE OF MIND:** No matter what, union members and their loved ones will be covered with a healthcare plan they can afford. That’s a good thing.

Labor brought us the weekend, family medical leave, higher minimum wage, social security, and more. Enacting New York Health will add another victory for the labor movement and for all New Yorkers.

**We can lead the way to Medicare for All!**

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# THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT MEANS HEALTH JUSTICE,

particularly for people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ people, and rural communities. It would cover all residents from cradle to grave—rich & poor, documented & undocumented, employed & unemployed, married & unmarried—ending an era in which some people's health matters less than others.

## TAKE ACTION (for support, email [info@nyhcampaign.org](mailto:info@nyhcampaign.org))

-  **ASK** your favorite organizations, businesses (small, large, freelancers - it all counts!), unions, faith groups to endorse. [www.nyhcampaign.org/endorse](http://www.nyhcampaign.org/endorse)
-  **FOLLOW US** on Social Media:  @NYHCampaign  
 @CampaignforNewYorkHealth  Campaign4NYHealth
-  **JOIN THE PEOPLE OF COLOR & IMMIGRANT CAUCUS!**  
Help put racial & immigrant justice at the forefront of health justice  
[www.bit.ly/POCICAUCUS](http://www.bit.ly/POCICAUCUS)
-  **STUDY UP:** A recent study confirms that the NY Health Act will achieve greater access to healthcare at lower cost: [www.bit.ly/RANDStudy2018](http://www.bit.ly/RANDStudy2018)
-  **ORGANIZE** an educational event in your community. We can help! [www.nyhcampaign.org/request\\_a\\_speaker](http://www.nyhcampaign.org/request_a_speaker)
-  **OUR PERSONAL STORIES AND RELATIONSHIPS ARE KEY TO WINNING.** Talk to your friends, neighbors and members about their healthcare stories: <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/story>
-  **TELL US** how you would like to support the movement. Translation, data entry, data analysis, design, writing, etc!
-  **CALL AND ENGAGE** your state legislators to support the NY Health Act: endorse the bill, set up community forums, meet with business & community leaders!  
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