



# EXPANDED AND IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT

Our health care system fails to provide quality care to every U.S. resident and wastes hundreds of billions of dollars a year in unnecessary administrative costs. A Medicare for All single-payer system — supported by UE since 1943 — would expand and improve the cost-effective and administratively efficient Medicare program to finance comprehensive, high-quality health care for everybody in the U.S.

## Our Current System is Ineffective, Inefficient, and Expensive

- Roughly 30 million Americans are uninsured, and an additional 41 million adults are underinsured.
- In a recent poll, 20 percent of insured Americans reported having trouble paying their medical bills.
- The United States spends twice as much on health care as other major industrialized countries.
- Despite outsized spending on health care, the U.S. experiences extremely poor health outcomes.
- 33 percent of U.S. adults go without recommended care, do not see a doctor when sick, or fail to fill a prescription because of costs. Only 7–8 percent of people in the U.K., Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden experience these problems.
- In 2014, 68 percent of Americans over the age of 65 were living with two or more chronic conditions, compared to only 33 percent in the United Kingdom.

## Medicare for All is Popular, Achievable and Affordable

- Support for Medicare for All (Reuters poll, 7/2018)

**70% All Americans**

**84.5% Democrats**

**52% Republicans**

- A study conducted by the Mercatus Center, a conservative think tank, concluded that the U.S. would save \$2 trillion over a ten year period by guaranteeing health care for everyone with Medicare.
- Medicare for All would require new taxes, but they would replace premiums, co-pays, and deductibles. 95% of Americans will pay less than they do now. A family of four making \$50,000 per year would save an estimated \$5,000 under Senator Bernie Sanders' plan.

### How It Works »

- A single-payer system would expand the existing Medicare program to cover everyone in the United States and improve the program by eliminating out-of-pocket expenses.
- Patients would have their choice of health care providers.
- All medically necessary services would be covered.

### How It's Financed »

- Replacing premiums, deductibles, and co-pays with a modest increase in the Medicare payroll tax on individuals and employers.
- Increasing taxes on the wealthy.
- Savings from eliminating health insurance industry profits and negotiating drug prices.

### How It Would Affect Your Union Contract »

- No more employer demands for healthcare givebacks.
- Employers' savings can be redirected to wage increases or improvements to other benefits.

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