

## ECONOMISTS AND HEALTH CARE EXPERTS IN SUPPORT OF BERNIE SANDERS' MEDICARE FOR ALL

Bernie Sanders' Medicare-for-all plan for universal health care in the United States is the right way to ensure affordable access to health care for *all* Americans.

The Affordable Care Act has made important strides in expanding health insurance, especially for low-income and young Americans. It has instituted important protections against exclusion from coverage. And it has empowered American workers, especially those with health conditions. But 29 million people in this country remain uninsured, and many more struggle with high co-payments and deductibles. Sen. Sanders' plan delivers universal coverage at a fraction of the cost because it replaces private health care premiums, co-payments and deductibles with a single, *smaller* payment into the Medicare-for-all system. In short, the Sanders' plan will do more and cost less than any privately-administered health insurance system.

We agree with Bernie Sanders that we must build on the proven record of over 50 years of the Medicare program. We must provide the freedom and security to all Americans that comes with finally separating health insurance from employment.

Bernie Sanders' single-payer system would cost less than our current system because a single-payer system wouldn't spend huge sums on advertising, marketing, executive pay and billing, as private insurers do. The Sanders single-payer system would empower Medicare to negotiate fair prices for drugs and procedures. It would be financed by a fair and reasonable income-based premium, replacing a battery of larger and more burdensome payments to private insurance companies. By eliminating the profit-seeking interests of the insurance companies, the bills will get paid, and there will be no more fighting with insurers who fail to pay in full or on time.

Every other major Western country has made the morally principled and financially responsible decision to provide universal health insurance. The result – in Europe, Canada and Japan – is better health at lower cost. The United States can do this. And we have a program – Medicare – that shows how it can be done here.

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