

What is Single Payer?

- ✓ Single Payer is a system of financing private health care through a publicly-funded Health Care Trust.
- ✓ It would guarantee coverage for every Mass. resident for all medically necessary care including preventive, primary, dental, substance abuse, vision, mental health, rehabilitative, in-patient and home health services, prescription drugs, etc.
- ✓ People would continue to see their current providers. The only change would be how those providers are paid.
- ✓ No more premiums, deductibles, co-pays, bills for non-covered services, or other out-of-pockets costs. Instead, a fair and affordable tax would be cheaper for almost every Mass. resident while providing secure and broader benefits for everyone.

Vote "Yes" for Single Payer!

- ✓ With Single Payer your own and your family's care would be guaranteed throughout their lifetime regardless of employment, income, health or marital status.
- ✓ You would never have to prove your eligibility for coverage or lose coverage because of a change in circumstances.
- ✓ You would never again be one accident or serious illness away from financial catastrophe.
- ✓ Profit for the insurance company would no longer control health care decisions between you and your provider.

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Why Does it Matter?

- ✓ Health care costs in Mass are **extremely high**, putting increasing strain on municipal, state, school, employer, and household budgets.
- ✓ We are paying more for fewer benefits, with health insurance eating up any wage gains.
- ✓ Mass. is one of the most unequal states in the country. Many people can't afford health care even if they are insured, due to high out-of-pocket costs.
- ✓ We waste more than 30% of health care dollars on an expensive insurance system that adds nothing of value to our health.
- ✓ The Mass. legislature has no plan for how to manage this growing crisis that threatens our economy and our health. "Medicare for All" legislation remains stuck in committee.

Single Payer Works!

- ✓ Research and worldwide experience show that a Single Payer system **controls costs better and improves health outcomes..**
- ✓ Single Payer **eliminates the confusing, always changing terms and conditions** of different plans and levels of coverage.
- ✓ Single Payer supports innovation and better care because **the system's only purpose is health – not profit.**
- ✓ Single Payer is more equitable because it provides **health care as a human right.**
- ✓ By stabilizing health care coverage and costs, Single Payer **strengthens the economy and general well-being of our state.**