

# 2nd Berkshire District

## Single-Payer Candidate Questionnaire

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**Candidate: Paul Mark**

Question #1: Do you support a Single Payer healthcare system for Massachusetts?

**Yes.**

Question #2: If yes, why? If no, how would you propose making health care truly affordable for everyone in your district and the Commonwealth while also bringing down the rising cost of healthcare?

**Universal single-payer healthcare would guarantee every person in Massachusetts has the health care coverage they need, it would save the state money and help prevent the constant growth of healthcare costs in our state budget, and it would promote both entrepreneurship and better health outcomes.**

Question #3: Please write one sentence that best expresses your current position on establishing a Single Payer system in Massachusetts.

**I am a strong supporter of establishing a single payer healthcare system in Massachusetts.**

Question #4: According to all research studies and the experience of other countries, a Single Payer system brings costs down while providing affordable health care for everyone. What is your biggest question or concern about establishing Single Payer in Massachusetts?

**The biggest question I have is when can we set a realistic timetable for transitioning efficiently and effectively to this improved system.**

Question #5: If elected, what would you do inside the Statehouse to advance Single Payer legislation and how soon would you begin? Who would you work with in your district?

**I have co-sponsored bills, signed onto letters, taken part in rallies, and done everything possible to team up with other legislators and advocates to try to advance this legislation since I was first elected.**

Question #6: What do you see as the biggest obstacle(s) to passing legislation for Single Payer in the Commonwealth?

**Educating the public on the benefits and how we can realistically transition to this system without unnecessary disruptions.**

Question #7: If elected, will you help initiate and actively participate in a legislative caucus to advance Single Payer legislation?

**Yes.**