

## HEALTH CARE DOCUMENTARIES

These documentaries are excellent to show at local League meetings, to share at community meetings, add to your lending library, to show in other groups to which you belong, or share with friends or colleagues by hosting a home party.

The first three documentaries can be viewed free online at <http://fixithehealthcare.com>. Or visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KS-olhBvEkc> I recommend the shorter versions for showing because then you have time for discussion.

- **FIX IT - Healthcare at The Tipping Point** (highly recommend, excellent film): (2015)  
It is a powerful documentary that reaches across the political and ideological divide to expand support for major healthcare reform.  
It delves deeply into the heart of the current healthcare crisis. Despite recent reforms, Americans remain vulnerable to economic catastrophe with a serious illness or injury – the insured and uninsured alike. Many families are forced to make the horrible choice between needed drugs or treatment and food. America's healthcare providers are saddled with a huge administrative burden while trying to focus on patient care.  
**Fix It** provides a solution to America's runaway healthcare costs. That solution is a single-payer system.  
The film was two years in the making, with more than forty voices advocating for reform, including: activists, health policy experts, economists, physicians, nurses, patients, business and labor leaders.  
This documentary takes an in-depth look into how our dysfunctional health care system is damaging our economy, suffocating our businesses, discouraging physicians and negatively impacting on the nation's health, while remaining un-affordable for a third of our citizens.
- **BIG PHARMA - Market Failure;** <https://fixithehealthcare.com/watch-the-movie/big-pharma-movie/> (2017)  
It explores the problem of extreme drug prices in the US and how drug cost impacts on the public, on businesses and the overall US economy. It makes an effective business case for realizable change. It answers key questions, e.g. how much do pharma companies really spend on research and development of truly innovative drugs? It proposes a solution that makes business sense for employers and health sense for employees. It is a compelling drama that reveals the truth of pharma cost and what we can do.
- **BIG MONEY - Democracy On The Brink** (also from Fixit site. 2018)  
The movie explores why Americans are sicker than they should be, poorer than they ought to be, and less safe than they deserve to be. This documentary explores the effects of money in politics, dark money, the revolving door as well as common sense solutions that will get our democracy back on track.
- **"The Healthcare Movie"** <http://thehealthcaremovie.net/home/> Cost: \$10. . (2011). Kiefer Sutherland, narrator.
- **"Now is The Time - Healthcare for Everybody";** <https://nowisthetimemovie.net>; \$20 + \$5 shipping for the short version, \$4.99 to watch it once online. (can't find date. Has Jerry Friedman and Margaret Flowers (of Health over Profits for Everyone, HOPE).
- **"Health, Money, and Fear"** <http://www.ourailinghealthcare.com/> Watch free or \$0-\$25 for a DVD. It is written and delivered by a doctor. From 2006 or so, but chillingly current. Just it's worse now. Can easily watch it in chapters, which I find a plus. (After intro, might jump to drug prices.)

## SHORT TAKES (all from One Payer States)

- **“Bleed-Out”** <https://www.hbo.com/documentaries/bleed-out> (have to have HBO, which I don't, so I saw only the 60-second free trailer, by an ordinary citizen (who's a comedy director). After his mother goes into a coma during a partial hip replacement, it all goes downhill from there.
- **“Private Insurance Induced Stress Disorder (or PIISD),”** by Campaign for NY Health. <https://www.nyhcampaign.org/> animated 2.37-minute infomercial (scroll about half-way down the page to the Blue Umbrella). The clip pans the current system and explains the basics of a single payer system (as is being proposed in NY). In case you didn't read it outloud, you can see that viewers will understand why they should be pissed, if they're not already.
- <http://www.healthycaliforniaact.org/videos/> California Health Act “school-house rock” type cartoons. There are 4: Less (3 min); Piece of Legislation (4.3 min); Better than Before (3.5 min); **The Middleman (3.3 min)**. They're all good, but my favorite is quote from “Middleman”—the only thing that stands between your doctor and you! Cliff Tasner was the songwriter I think, and offered them to One Payer States to use freely, or modify to fit your state. Downloadable (between 2 and 3 MBs each).
- **Enough is Enough**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQ6B4JwPNEI&fbclid=IwAR2j4s8Rs5ofnBF\\_VjEAwyp2qBUpmD8l0E00N3Jh51GeBRJ4uOpIQI6Rmpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQ6B4JwPNEI&fbclid=IwAR2j4s8Rs5ofnBF_VjEAwyp2qBUpmD8l0E00N3Jh51GeBRJ4uOpIQI6Rmpc) First in a series of short educational videos that Western Mass Medicare 4 All is creating to be shared online. Coordinator, Stephanie Strand, the head WMM4A Granby/South Hadley hub. (2018-9)

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