**Medicare for All: IT MATTERS FOR WOMEN!**

**Women power the health care industry:**

- Women comprise more than 75% of health care workers in hospitals, doctor’s offices, and home health services.
- Two-thirds of unpaid caregivers in the U.S. are female.
- Women make 80% of all health care decisions.

**Our employment-based health insurance system disadvantages women:**

Because of their caregiving responsibilities, women are more likely to seek flexible employment in part-time or freelance jobs that pay lower wages and are less likely to provide health insurance benefits, or provide worse coverage.

Fewer than one-third of low-income workers receive any health insurance through work. Women make up nearly 6 in 10 of workers in low-wage jobs, and a disproportionate number of them are women of color.

**The current system adds to women’s dependency:**

Because women are more likely than men to be covered as dependents, a woman is at greater risk of losing her insurance if she becomes widowed or divorced, her spouse loses a job, or her spouse’s employer drops family coverage or increases its costs to unaffordable levels.

About 40% of women between the ages of 19 and 25 are covered as dependents under a parent’s or a spouse’s plan.

**ACA exchange plans are becoming less affordable:**

Cost-sharing continues to increase, making health care unaffordable even for people with coverage, and provider networks are shrinking. Reproductive-aged women still spend 60% more than men on out-of-pocket costs.

**Low-income women and women of color face greater risks:**

Low-income women, women of color, and immigrant women are at greater risk of being uninsured or underinsured.

Affordability of coverage and care continues to be a significant concern for many women, insured or not. The leading reason why uninsured women report that they haven’t obtained coverage is that it is too expensive.

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT FOR MEDICARE FOR ALL IN MASS.**

- Universal coverage – everybody in, nobody out!
- Health insurance not tied to employment, income, health, immigration, or marital status.
- Health care is a human right!

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