## Massachusetts can lead again on Health Care!

In solidarity with the national campaign for Medicare for All, efforts to achieve change at the state level are also in full swing. Support for Medicare for All is strong in Mass. where nearly 200,000 people remain uninsured. Health care is very expensive in our state, and many people even with insurance cannot afford care because of high deductibles and other out-of-pocket expenses. Rising prices are straining state, town, business and household budgets.

## "An Act Establishing Medicare for All in Mass."

S683 – Sen. Jamie Eldridge, lead sponsor H1194 – Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa, lead sponsor

This legislation would create a Single Payer system in our state to pay for health care through a publicly-funded Health Care Trust that would:

- Pay for health care as a human right for everyone, not a privilege based on income, employment, age, or any other criteria;
- Guarantee comprehensive, quality coverage for all medically necessary care including vision, dental, and mental health - for every resident throughout their lives with no financial barriers to care;
- Allow people to continue seeing their current providers or choose new ones: no more "networks" or "tiers" that limit choice;
- Eliminate all premiums, co-pays, deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs. (It is actually "Improved Medicare for All" because supplemental insurance would no longer be necessary);
- Replace all out-of-pocket costs with a fair and affordable tax that would be cheaper for almost everyone while providing secure and broader benefits;
- Eliminate the current administrative bloat, profit-taking, complexity, confusion, and interference with treatment associated with the private health insurance industry;
- Bring down sky-rocketing costs that increasingly strain the budgets of individuals, families, workers, employers, towns and the state itself.

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