



# IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL!

**Publicly financed. Privately delivered.  
Accountable to you.**

The Illinois Single-Payer Coalition is an alliance of people and organizations throughout Illinois working to enact a single-payer health system—Improved Medicare for All. We seek a publicly financed system that provides full health care and free choice of providers for all.

## Here's how it works...

The system we support is publicly financed – like the police or fire department—and privately delivered. Money that now goes into government health programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and government employee health programs will be directed instead to a public agency. Added to this will be modest new taxes on employers and individuals, replacing the high premiums and out-of-pocket costs we now pay for health care.

Health care delivery remains private—no profit-seeking insurance company stands between you and your doctor. Physicians can be paid a negotiated fee, a salary, or other options. Hospitals will have an overall budget for operating expenses. Health facilities and major equipment purchases will be managed by regional health planning boards that include patients as well as medical experts.

## It's comprehensive.

You'll be covered in full for all medically necessary care: primary and preventive care, inpatient and outpatient care, emergency care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, long-term care, home care, mental health services, dentistry, eye care, chiropractic care, substance abuse treatment, podiatric care and palliative care. There are no co-pays, deductibles, or caps.

## It's cost-effective.

Insurance companies waste billions of dollars on corporate profits, marketing, billing, and fighting claims. Medicare incurs only a fraction of those costs. And Improved Medicare for All will have the power to negotiate better prices on everything from prescription drugs to hospital care. That's how most countries keep their costs lower than ours.

## It's ready to roll.

The basic structure of Medicare is already in place. A bill now before Congress—the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act (HR 676, sponsored by Rep. John Conyers of Michigan)—would improve Medicare and expand it to include everyone. Alternative bills Several states also have single-payer bills. In Illinois it's the Illinois Universal Health Care Act, sponsored by State Rep. Mary Flowers.

## Help us make it happen!

**Want to know more? Get involved?  
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