Health Care for All Minnesota – HCA-MN

Vision: HCA-MN is a non-profit organization dedicated to comprehensive, affordable, high quality health care for every Minnesotan, through advocacy, education, and community organizing.

Mission: Establish a state-based, universal, single-payer health plan for Minnesota while actively supporting national improved Medicare for All.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), passed in 2010, at the federal level, improved access to health care and regulated the health insurance industry to discourage discriminatory, profit-driven practices. Unfortunately, by leaving the commercial health care market in place, the ACA has been unable to contain care delivery prices. We need to preserve the patient protections required by the ACA, make coverage truly universal, and reform how we pay for health care.

The health care industry in the U.S. consumes 17.3% of GDP as of 2021, up from 11.4% in 1990. Total health spending was $4.5 trillion* per year, or $13,493 per capita, two to three times the per capita spending of other developed countries, while population health outcomes lag behind.

- health spending in Minnesota in 2019 was $56.6 billion, expected to double to $104.2 billion in 10 years

Over one-third (34%) of every health care dollar in the U.S. is spent on activities such as billing, coding, marketing, pre-authorizations, denials, executive pay, share-holder return, profits, lobbying, that provide no actual health care, due to our complex, wasteful, inefficient multi-payer system.

Health care costs are the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the U.S. Out-of-pocket costs, even for the insured, place a significant burden on individuals, families, businesses, and society.

Two-thirds of health spending is taxpayer-funded through Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and other public programs, and subsidies for private insurance, yet millions of people remain uninsured or underinsured. One in four people in the U.S. can't afford to get the care they need; approximately 45,000 deaths per year are attributed to inability to access medical treatment or preventive care due to cost.

The health care market-place is profit-driven and dysfunctional. Health care is a basic human need and a public good, for the people, not a consumable good or a business, for the purpose of profit.

How Do We Get There?

Health Care for All Minnesota (HCAMN) is working with individuals and organizations to:

1. Educate and engage Minnesotans on the issues of health care financing reform.

2. Organize and build a base of support for reform, connecting individuals and groups.

3. Work with legislators to pass and implement health care financing reform for Minnesota.

Join the Movement – Health Care for People, Not for Profit

Sign up to stay educated and engaged   Volunteer and / or donate

Spread the word and educate others   Develop community based groups

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