

# Improved Medicare for All *Quick Facts*

<b>Problems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The USA spends <b>twice</b> as much per capita on health care as other industrialized nations, yet we <b>rank near the bottom</b> in nearly all health indicators (including life expectancy and infant and maternal mortality).</li><li>•<b>30 million</b> Americans still have <b>no</b> health insurance and another <b>44 million</b> are <u>underinsured</u>, with copays and deductibles they cannot afford.</li><li>•Most U.S. household bankruptcies are due mainly to medical bills – and most of those households had health insurance.</li><li>•Our prescription drug prices are the highest in the world. Congress has prohibited Medicare from negotiating drug prices.</li><li>•Each year, <b>one trillion</b> of our healthcare dollars go to <b>administrative costs</b> (31%).</li></ul>
<b>Solutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Having just a single payer, like Medicare, can cut administrative costs in half, saving <b>\$500 billion dollars</b> annually.</li><li>•Negotiating drug and medical device prices can save <b>\$150 billion dollars/yr.</b></li></ul>
<b>Advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The savings are <b>more than enough</b> to cover <u>all</u> Americans’ healthcare including dental, vision, and prescriptions – with no co-pays or deductibles.</li><li>•Funding for Improved Medicare for All will be <b>less</b> than current healthcare expenses for <u>95% of households</u>.</li><li>•Care remains <u>private</u> with <b>free choice</b> of doctors and hospitals.</li><li>•Health <b>decisions will be made by you and your doctor</b> – not an insurance company focused on maximizing profits.</li><li>•Medicare for All will <b>strengthen business</b>, as employers will no longer be required to provide health insurance. Companies will be better able to compete globally.</li><li>•Americans can <b>change jobs</b> or become <b>entrepreneurs</b> without fear of losing health insurance.</li></ul>
<p>Call your U.S. Representatives and Senators through the Capitol switchboard: <b>202-224-3121</b> Ask them to support the House (H.R. 1384) &amp; Senate (S.1129) Medicare for All bills.</p>	

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