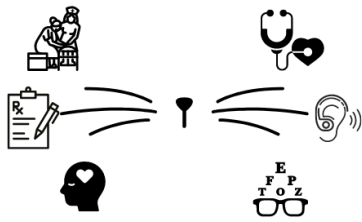


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WPP HEALTHCARE POLICY FOR ALL WISCONSIN RESIDENTS (WisCares): Comprehensive People-Owned Healthcare with Private Network Acquisition and Funding Strategies

Introduction:

The WPP sees healthcare as a vital interest to the people, and therefore should be fully owned and operated by the people, rather than the private sector that prioritizes profit. The drive for greater and greater profits has created a healthcare crisis, and is one of the leading causes of bankruptcies in the United States, both for patients, and for healthcare providers. The WPP's innovative healthcare policy is designed to create a people-owned, state-centric healthcare system by integrating private healthcare networks. It addresses key components such as who is covered, what is covered, how healthcare is paid for, who should own and operate healthcare facilities, drug patents, drug manufacturing plants, employment of medical personnel, payment formulas, and the role of unions. Additionally, the policy outlines funding strategies for this transformative healthcare initiative.

Key Components:

- Who is covered:
 - All people who have established residency in Wisconsin for at least 9 months.
- What is covered:
 - All aspects of physical and mental health including dental, vision, hearing, and long term care.
- Funding Strategies:
 - Tax Reallocation: Consider reallocating a portion of existing state and local taxes towards funding the healthcare system. Prioritize budget adjustments to accommodate this shift.
 - Relocation of funds for Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid to the WisCare program.

- Dedicated Healthcare Fund: Establish a dedicated healthcare fund through a combination of earmarked taxes, levies on certain industries, and public contributions. This fund can serve as a sustainable source of revenue for the healthcare system.
- Public-Private Partnerships: Explore partnerships with private entities to contribute financially to the healthcare fund in exchange for benefits such as tax incentives or favorable business regulations.
- Grants and Federal Funding: Pursue grants and federal funding opportunities to support the initial setup and ongoing operations of the people-owned healthcare system.
- Voluntary Contributions: Encourage voluntary contributions from businesses and individuals who wish to contribute beyond mandated taxes, fostering a sense of community ownership.
- Ownership and Operation of Healthcare Facilities:
 - Acquire private hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies through a transparent and fair process.
 - Establish people-owned healthcare entities where residents have a stake in governance, ensuring democratic representation and community involvement.
- Drug Patents:
 - Advocate for legislative changes that prioritize public interest over private profits in the granting of drug patents.
 - Support international collaborations to address global issues related to drug patents and affordability.
- Ownership and Operation of Drug Manufacturing Plants:
 - Acquire or establish state-owned drug manufacturing plants to ensure control over production and pricing.
 - Encourage research and development of generic drugs to enhance affordability.
- Employer of Medical Personnel:
 - Transition to a system where medical personnel are employed by people-owned healthcare entities, providing job stability and benefits.
 - Allow for partnerships with private practitioners who voluntarily join the state-owned healthcare network.
- Payment Formulas for Medical Personnel:
 - Create unions for all healthcare personnel
 - Give healthcare provider groups the option of being salaried, instead of receiving fee for service. Unions can negotiate fair work loads and salaries.

- Implement a fair and transparent payment formula, considering factors such as experience, specialization, and commitment to public service.
- Encourage performance-based incentives to ensure quality care and patient satisfaction.
- Unions for Medical Personnel:
 - Recognize and support the right of medical personnel to form unions.
 - Engage in collaborative discussions with unions to address labor concerns, ensuring a balanced approach that benefits both healthcare workers and the state-owned healthcare system.

Implementation and Oversight:

- Establish an independent oversight body to monitor the transition, address challenges, and ensure adherence to ethical standards.
- Conduct regular reviews and solicit public feedback to enhance the responsiveness of the healthcare system.

Conclusion:

This policy, coupled with innovative funding strategies, aims to create a holistic, people-owned healthcare system. The integration of private networks, alongside dedicated funding sources, ensures the sustainability and success of the state-centric healthcare initiative.
