

Strengthen Private Coverage & Curb Expansion of Public Programs

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Preferred
Private
Coverage:

Employer
Sponsored
Insurance

- **156 million** Americans got their health insurance through ESI last year.
- **84%** of employees feel they receive more value from ESI than what it costs
- ESI has a social value of **\$1.4 to \$1.6 trillion** per year.
- ESI generates cost savings of **\$100 billion** each year.
- Weakening/eliminating ESI could lead to increased health care costs worth over **\$200 billion** annually.

Voters Favor Our Current System

- 64 percent

- Prefer **building on** our current system **rather than** creating the **public option**

- 66 percent

- Prefer **building on** our current system **instead of opening up Medicare.**

Real Priorities

- 63 percent
- Lowering COSTS remains top priority

Voters remain
CONCERNED about:

THE ACCESS, COST AND LONG TERM FISCAL IMPACTS

Problems: Lowering Medicare Eligibility to 60

- FISCAL IMPACT:
Explode the Deficit
 - Add \$42.6 billion to the federal deficit in 2023
 - Increase 10-year deficits by as much as \$452 billion
- ACCESS:
Eviscerate Provider Reimbursements
 - Payments for inpatient hospital services would fall
 - \$12.3 billion in 2023
 - \$21 billion in 2042
 - Payments for physician and other provider services would decline
 - \$2.9 billion in 2023
 - \$35.5 billion in 2042)
- COSTS:
Increase Premiums for Private Coverage
 - >1/3 of ACA marketplace enrollees would see premium and out-of-pocket costs rise

What Are States Considering

24 states

- Arizona
- California
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kansas
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Vermont
- Virginia
- West Virginia

Different Names Questionable Results

- Medicare for All System
- California Guaranteed Health Care for All
- Cover All Delaware Children Act
- Medicaid buy-in (16-64 disabled)
- Medicaid Buy-In & PeachCare Public Option & Healthy Georgia Program (single payer)
- Single payer guaranteed coverage program
- Hawaii single payer health care system
- Health Care for All Illinois Act
- Healthy Iowa Program
- MaineCare for All
- Universal Health Care Program Single Payer
- Medicare for All in MA & Commonwealth Connector public health option
- MICare universal health program single claims system
- Minnesota Health Plan public option
- Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program
- New Jersey Public Option Health Care Act
- NY Health Program
- Ohio Health Care Plan
- Medicaid Bridge Program
- RI Comprehensive Insurance Program
- Medicaid Buy-In
- Medicaid Equivalent for All VT
- Medicaid Expansion
- Affordable Medicaid Buy-In Program

Questions?

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