
What is Single-Payer Healthcare?

When enacted, single-payer healthcare will guarantee that every resident of Texas will receive comprehensive healthcare services. It's like Medicare for All. Individuals will have free choice of licensed health professionals and services. Covered benefits will include services to keep people healthy – mentally and physically – as well as those services that diagnose and treat diseases. In addition to emergency services, surgeries, and hospital stays, services such as home healthcare, adult day care, and hospice are covered. Vision and dental care are also included. Single-payer healthcare can be crafted to provide a single high standard of safe, therapeutic care for all Texas residents in a manner that is financially sustainable:

- Progressive, stable financing will replace all insurance company premiums, deductibles, and co-pays.
- Choose any provider. No more surprise bills. No out-of-pocket costs for covered services.
- Long-term care benefits provided under Medicaid will continue, and be expanded with an emphasis on community and home-based caregiving.
- Eliminates co-pays for Medicare Part B.
- Lower prescription drug costs.
- Regional planning to reduce overlap and duplication of expensive equipment and facilities.
- Provider rates, which replace and improve on Medicaid rates, will be negotiated to ensure access, cost control, and high-value services.
- The advances from the Affordable Care Act will be folded into the new system.
- Huge cost-savings from reduced bureaucracy. No more insurance company runaround. No more bill collectors.
- Diverse participants, including ordinary citizens and representatives of labor and business, as well as various healthcare professional and health policy experts, will advise and help design the single-payer program.

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