



Health Care for All Minnesota - HCAMN

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

Health Care for People, not for Profit

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., as of 2018, consumes 17.9% of GDP, up from 11.4% in 1990. Total health spending is now \$3.7 trillion per year, or > \$11,172 per capita, two to three times the per capita spending of other developed countries, while population health outcomes lag behind.³

- health spending in Minnesota in 2016 was \$47.1 billion, expected to double to \$94.2 billion in 10 years

Over one-third (34%) of every health care dollar in the U.S. is spent on non-health care⁴ activities, such as billing, coding, marketing, pre-authorizations, denials, executive pay, share-holder return, etc., 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 already taxpayer-funded thru Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Title XIX, IHS, FQHCs, the VHA, DOD, yet millions of people remain uninsured or underinsured. One in four people in the U.S. don't get the care they need; approximately 37,000 deaths per year are attributed to inability to access medical treatment or preventive care due to cost.¹

The health care market place is 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 healthcare 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 - MN Can Do Healthcare Better

Sign up to stay educated and engaged

Volunteer and / or donate

Spread the word and educate others

Develop community based groups

<http://healthcareforallmn.org>

612-244-4267

¹ <http://www.pnhp.org/excessdeaths/> www.pnhp.org

- 2 Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group, US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis
- 3 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS.gov, and Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development
- 4 http://www.pnhp.org/single_payer_resources/administrative_waste_consumes_31_percent_of_health_spending.ph

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