The Basics of MedicareForAll #MFA

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The #HealthcareCrisis

- **US ranks 37th** in outcomes, incl. longevity, infant and maternal mortality
- **US spends about twice** what every other advanced country spends on HC
- 1 million uninsured = one 1,000 **preventable deaths** per year
- Medical costs = **#1 most common cause of personal bankruptcy** in US, uninsured and underinsured
- 1/3 of every HC dollar in US lost to administrative waste, predatory profiteering
- #SinglePayer #MFA **saves $1 billion per year** for every 1 million population (esp. cities, counties, school districts, etc.)
- #MFA in US is now **70% favorable** over all, 85% Democrats, 52% Republicans
What #MFA is...

- Eliminates waste, private insurance including claims processing, CEO pay, advertising (eg. Medical Loss Ratio, MLR)
- Eliminates abuse, pharma and med devices predatory pricing replaced with bulk purchasing, transparent public negotiations
- Eliminates fraud, billing in private negotiations by big insurance and big pharma, but also providers, hospitals, clinics
- Under #MFA all remain privately managed but public free to choose based on reputation not financial “products”, with standardized reimbursement to providers and hospitals at Medicare rates not Medicaid rates, with high quality standards including by expansion of Medicare to include all essential services (again not Medicaid)
What #MFA is NOT...

- #MedicareForSome - copays, deductibles, supplementals, or other out-of-pocket or surprise expenses, buy-ins, public options, eligibility standards by age or means

- #MedicaidForAll (or ForSome) - lesser standard of care, lesser reimbursement for care
“Good evening to all and thanks for hearing my testimony. I am ____________ [your name] a resident here in ____________ [city name] for over ____________ [number] years, I come before you to advocate for your support for Medicare For All, that would provide for an expanded and improved Single Payer Universal Healthcare system to service all residents in this area.

Over the past 60 years, 58 other countries established universal healthcare programs for all of their citizens and are now paying half of what the US pays for healthcare...”
Resources for Advocacy

- MFA Resolutions, www.Medicare4AllResolutions.org
- People Demanding Action, www.peopledemandingaction.org
- Public Citizen, www.citizen.org
- National Nurses United, www.nationalnursesunited.org
- Physicians for a National Health Plan, www.pnhp.org
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