

# The Basics of **#MedicareForAll #MFA**

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# The #HealthcareCrisis

- US ranks 37<sup>th</sup> 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

# MFA Script for Public Testimony

## **MFA Benefits to Local Public Agencies Template for Testimony - 3 minute version**

“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](http://www.Medicare4AllResolutions.org)
- People Demanding Action, [www.peopledemandingaction.org](http://www.peopledemandingaction.org)
- Public Citizen, [www.citizen.org](http://www.citizen.org)
- National Nurses United, [www.nationalnursesunited.org](http://www.nationalnursesunited.org)
- Physicians for a National Health Plan, [www.pnhp.org](http://www.pnhp.org)
- Healthcare Now, [www.healthcare-now.org](http://www.healthcare-now.org)

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