

Why do we need Single Payer HR 676?

Because 47 million Americans have no health insurance, with 50 million Americans underinsured against catastrophic illness, and their numbers are growing.

Because we currently spend twice as much on health care as other countries yet only rank 37th by WHO in longevity, infant mortality, and access to health care.

Because the cost of premiums, co-pays, and deductibles continue to increase while coverage and benefits decline.

Because American business is becoming less competitive internationally due to the high cost of employer provided health benefits.

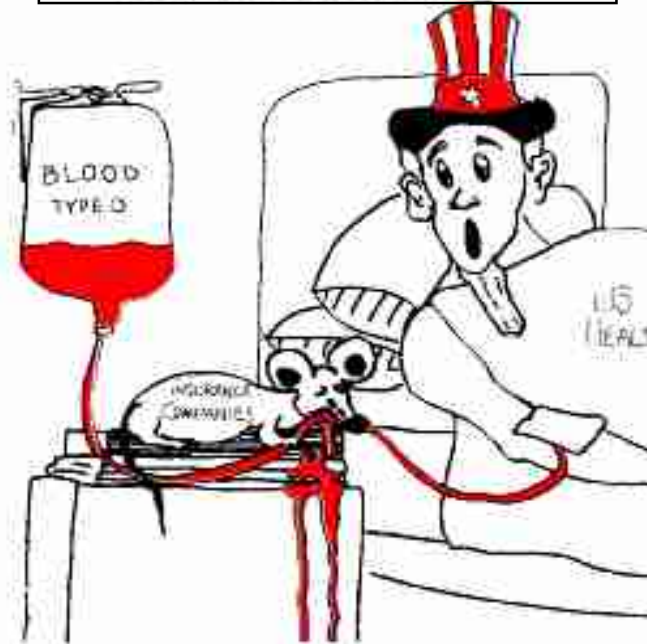
Because half of all personal bankruptcies are caused by medical bills - in spite of having insurance.

Because the system is fragmented and unmanageable for providers and patients alike.

And most of all - because 18,000 Americans die every year due to lack of insurance coverage.

Surgeon General's Warning:

The insurance industry is hazardous to your health



How you can help:

- Join Us — www.healthcarenowsa.org
- Call or write to your congressman and ask them to co-sponsor HR 676
- Invite SAHNC to speak to a group you know
- Host a movie showing and discussion group in your home
- Write a letter to the editor
- Help with phone calls, distribution of flyers
- Staff an informational table at a public event
- Visit your elected officials and tell them about the single payer healthcare movement
- Make a financial contribution to HealthCare-Now.Org
- Encourage your community group, faith based group or union to endorse HR 676

How Does HR 676 Work ?

- HR 676 proposes a single payer, publicly funded, privately delivered program that covers every American by expanding and improving the current Medicare Program.
- It will be paid for through a modest payroll tax on individuals and business, eliminating premiums, co-pays, and deductibles. Most people will pay less than what they do now.
- It will be fully portable —everybody is covered all the time.
- It will save \$ 56 billion while providing health care for all by eliminating the insurance middleman and by reducing and simplifying paperwork.
- It will provide fair contracted fees to private providers and control drug prices through volume negotiations.
- It will provide complete choice of physician and other health care providers by eliminating insurance controlled preferred provider panels.

**By working together we can build a
healthcare system that works for all of us.**

We have a broken health care delivery system. The current for-profit insurance system wastes 31 cents of every dollar spent but fails to give us healthcare or financial security. The main purpose of this bloated bureaucracy is to avoid covering the sick, to find arbitrary reasons to deny claims, and to pass the cost on to others.

The solution is to win legislation for a plan that delivers high quality care for all while spending our money wisely.

We need a plan that is publicly accountable, covers all Americans, is affordable and fair. We have such a plan in HR 676 - The U S National Health Care Act, introduced by John Conyers (D) and co-sponsored by 90 of his colleagues in the United States House of Representatives. We need your help to convince other members of Congress to move this bill forward. The biggest obstacle to meaningful health care reform is the massive insurance lobby in Washington and the money they are able to spend. Our answer is a nationwide grassroots movement - from California to Maine, and every state in between, ordinary people are joining forces to remove the death grip insurance companies have on our health care delivery system.

**TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS
WE NEED YOUR HELP**

For more information visit our website

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The United States National Health Care Act

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SAHNC was formed in 2006 by a small group of progressive community organizers, nurses, social workers, physicians, and union organizers in response to the growing health care crisis facing the nation. We support a single payer, publicly funded, privately administered health care delivery system by expanding Medicare to cover all Americans as proposed in HR 676, a bill currently stalled in congress. Co-sponsored by 90 member of the House of Representatives and endorsed by over 400 labor unions, this is a bill that will eliminate the strangle hold of for-profit insurance companies and provide affordable, fair, quality coverage for all of us. In order to move this bill forward we:

- Lobby local, state and federal elected officials
- Seek endorsement from labor, religious, professional, and community groups;
- Disseminate information to public, and private organizations;
- Provide resources and support to affiliate community groups;
- Collaborate with local, state, and national health care reform efforts;
- Organize rallies in support of health care reform.

