

Are you **SICK** of our health insurance system? **ARE YOU READY FOR REAL REFORM IN PENNSYLVANIA?**

The Family and Business Health Security Act (HB1660 and SB300) is a statewide single-payer universal health care plan for PA that covers *everyone*. It is not “socialized medicine”: the health care delivery system of doctors, hospitals, etc. would not be changed, taken over or rationed. It is not the much weaker “Prescription for Pennsylvania” plan. It is a single-payer health care *financing* system, meaning that health insurance coverage will be provided to *all* Pennsylvanians from a single tax-supported public fund, the way Medicare works so successfully for older Americans.

INDIVIDUALS:

If you are lucky enough to *have* employer-provided insurance, what do *YOU* pay? Employee contributions? Copays? Benefit caps? Deductibles? Pre-existing conditions? COBRA, if you get laid off? Waiting periods with a new job? Everything that this plan covers but yours doesn't? And does it go up every year?

This plan will cost you 3% of income for all this, *for your whole family...*

THE PLAN COVERS:

family doctor
 specialists
 hospital
 ambulance
 emergency room
 prescriptions
 dental
 optical
 mental health
 addiction
 transplants
 medical equipment
 long term care
 hospice
no copays/deductibles/caps

EMPLOYERS:

What would *YOU* expect to pay for this kind of coverage for all your employees, *even without including all of their families*, in terms of percentage of payroll? Don't forget the cost of your HR department's tedious annual negotiations with the insurance company, productivity lost due to uncovered health issues, etc.

Now, what would you say to 10% of payroll? Single-payer is *good for your business!*

ONLY ONE PLAN PROVIDES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO ALL PENNSYLVANIANS!

There are now three different proposals in the Legislature, each claiming to expand access to health care in PA: Gov. Rendell's “Prescription for Pennsylvania” (HB700), the “*Real* Prescription for Pennsylvania” of the House Republican Caucus (not yet introduced), and the bipartisan **Family and Business Health Security Act of 2007** (House Bill 1660 and Senate Bill 300).

How do they stack up?

	Present System	Republican Caucus	Rendell Plan	SB300
Level of access to health care	mediocre	even worse	mixed bag	UNIVERSAL
Pushes workers into low-level 'basic' plans	yes	yes	yes	NO
Tax money goes to health insurance companies	yes	less	more	NONE
Promotes 'shared risk' approach to coverage	incomplete	less	mixed bag	COMPLETE
Provides greater value at lower cost	much waste	even worse	no	YES
Comprehensive coverage for all legal residents of PA	no	no	no	YES

For more information, visit <http://www.healthcare4allpa.org>

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

We Pennsylvanians will need to do all that we can if single-payer health coverage is to become law in Pennsylvania. Governor Rendell has promised to sign it—though he won't actively promote it. To make that happen, our legislators will need to be convinced their constituents demand it. It's critical, then, that a massive campaign to educate the public must be waged. With this in mind, you can...

1 Write, call, fax or e-mail your state senator and representative. Tell them exactly why you, personally, support HB1660 and SB 300. If you don't know who your legislators are or how to contact them, get on the internet at home or the library and look them up at www.healthcare4allpa.org/legislators.htm. Or call the Capital switchboard at (717) 787-2121.

2 Learn more. Visit www.healthcare4allpa.org for a wealth of information about these bills. Read the bill text, plan comparisons and the many reasons we need universal health care. For details on HR 676, the federal single-payer bill, see www.pnhp.org.

Note: The state and federal bills are not rival efforts. HR676's prime sponsor, U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D Michigan) is a strong supporter of the Family And Business Health Care Security Act.

3 Talk about it. To your friends, co-workers and extended family. To members of your house of worship, and any political organizations or civic groups that you belong to. (Think you can get the group as a whole onboard? Give it a try!) Tell them all that they absolutely have to see Michael Moore's new movie, SICKO.

4 Get Local. Join a local group working to get the word out about HB1660 and SB 300. If there isn't one near you, start one. Circulate the petition. Start a Letters to the Editor campaign. Demand full and fair coverage from your local press and media outlets. Get your county, township or city government to endorse HB1660 and SB300. Get creative and come up with a project of your own. For help getting started, contact the people that gave you this leaflet.

5 Donate! Our ancestors expended blood, pain, and treasure in the pursuit of American liberty and the abolishment of slavery. This cause calls for just a little sweat and, yes, money. The health insurance industry will spend millions to defeat this plan. They'll use every lie and distortion they can muster, fed by lobbyist cash and scary TV ads. They'll claim our plan is government-run and that you'll lose your choice of doctor or treatment. They'll issue ominous warnings of delays, rationing, stifled innovation, and lowered quality of care. (They should look in the mirror!)

Send a contribution today. Health Care For All PA (formerly known as HELPfundPA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) organization, founded in 2006 to secure a comprehensive single payer health care system for every citizen of Pennsylvania. Donate securely online at <http://www.healthcare4allpa.org>. Send checks to Health Care for All PA, Post Office Box 828, Levittown, PA 19058. Contributions are not tax-deductible.

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