



- \* **Stop the privatization of Medicare**
- \* **Enact (Improved) Medicare for All**

Americans need a health care system which is affordable and universal. It must cover all healthcare needs and procedures with no co-pays, deductibles or premiums. These are principal reasons that people do not seek healthcare services, even when an individual has private health insurance. Americans need a single-payer healthcare system such as Medicare that enrolls all people in the United States. **We need (improved and expanded) Medicare for All that covers hearing, mental health care, eye care, dental, drugs including the ability to negotiate drug pricing, and long term care. Medicare for All would provide the patients the ability to choose their doctors, hospital and other health care providers, as original Medicare does today. Health care would no longer be dependent on employer provided health insurance plans.**

All this because

## **Health Care is a Human Right!**

Medicare for All proposals such as the proposals from Sen. Sanders (S4202) and Rep. Jayapal (HB1976) would do this.

There is a concerted effort to privatize Medicare by enrolling people in private practices in which medical practitioners can refuse needed care and reap profits without patients' understanding or consenting to what is happening. This can happen despite individuals consciously and deliberately choosing the original Medicare, which does not have the same limitations.

Although the Trump Administration's Direct Contracting Entity (DCE) Program, which privatized care, was canceled by the Biden Administration, a similar new program is proposed to take effect on January 1, 2023.

It is called ACO-REACH (Accountability Care Organization-Realizing Equality, Access and Community). It would allow third-party middlemen to manage senior care, enrolling seniors in for-profit programs without their understanding and consent—programs that will often profit the providers while denying seniors the care that they need.

Similar privatization practices are currently occurring in many Medical Advantage plans. Seniors should scrutinize them carefully before they enroll.

## **Take this action:**

Contact your US Representative and your two US Senators and tell them that you

- oppose the Biden administration efforts to privatize Medicare via the ACO-REACH Program, as well as the continued efforts to privatize via the Medicare Advantage plans;
- support the enactment of an affordable, universal healthcare system such as specified by Sen. Sanders in SB4204 and/or Rep. Jayapal, the Medicare for All bills.

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