



Single Payer or Affordable Care Act?

	Single-Payer Bill H.R.676	Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
Universal Coverage	Yes. Everyone is covered automatically from birth.	No. More than 30 million remain uninsured, and tens of millions remain underinsured.
Full Range of Benefits	Yes. Covers all medically necessary services.	No. Other than a short list of required benefits, insurance companies choose what to cover.
Eliminates Out-of-Pocket Expenses	Yes. There are no premiums, deductibles, or co-payments.	No. Most people will pay premiums, while insurers continue to increase deductibles and co-pays
Controls Costs	Yes. Cost controls include dramatically reduced bureaucracy, negotiated fees, bulk drug purchasing, budgeting of hospital and capital expenses, and end to profiteering by insurers and big Pharma.	No. Increases health spending and adds layers of administrative bloat through the introduction of state-based insurance exchanges.
Free Choice of Doctors and Hospitals	Yes. Patients are free to choose their health care providers, the vast majority of whom are <u>not</u> government employees.	No. Insurance companies continue to maintain restrictive networks.
Fair Financing	Yes. System is financed through progressive income and wealth taxes: if you have less, you pay less – but you receive the same care as everyone else.	No. Costs are disproportionately borne by middle- and lower-income Americans and families facing acute or chronic illness.
Simple to Use	Yes!	No!

To join the fight for single-payer health care, visit our website and click on "Get Involved."

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