

Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for all" bill has 15 Democratic Senators as co-sponsors and creates a single-payer health care system

Medicare for all bill, explained



Sen. Bernie Sanders
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Also supported by:

- Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
- Kamala Harris (D-CA)
- Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
- Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
- Cory Booker (D-NJ)
- Al Franken (D-MN)
- Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
- Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
- Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
- Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
- Ed Markey (D-MA)
- Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
- Brian Schatz (D-HI)
- Tom Udall (D-NM)
- Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

The proposal



Would create a single-payer system of health care with the goal of covering all Americans under a government-run health insurance program



It would block competition from employer-sponsored health insurance and would eventually transition individuals on Medicare and Medicaid onto the government-run plan

Two plans that wouldn't be affected: VA and IHS health systems



Under the plan, consumers would not be liable for any out-of-pocket spending on copays or emergency room visits, only on prescription drugs



The plan is estimated to cost \$1.4 trillion and paid for in part by a proposed new 2.2% income tax on all Americans, a 6.2% levy on employers and a further round of tax hikes on the wealthy



Four-year transition period, during which the newly improved Medicare would first insure all children and adults 55 or older, then expand gradually to cover all adults