

# Two Choices for Health Care: Less Government or More

	<b>Single-Payer</b> National Health Insurance	U.S. Congress' Plan
	Less Government and Use of a <b>Single</b> Public Agency	<b>Expansion</b> of Government and <b>Keeping</b> the "Middlemen"
<b>Size of Government</b>	<b>Reduced</b> Fewer government programs; replace <a href="#">bureaucracy</a> with better health care.	<b>Expanded government</b> More government programs; expand existing ones; more regulations and regulators = more taxes
<b>Government Takeover</b> Regarding Our Money	<b>No</b>	<b>Takeover of estates</b> Take property/money when Medicaid patients die.
<b>Government Controls</b>	<b>No</b> We do not want government controls.	<b>Expanded controls</b> Pay or be automatically enrolled. Forced, mandated insurance. Pay or be fined by IRS. Tax evasion: if you don't pay fine, go to jail.
<b>Premiums to health                      insurance companies</b>	<b>Zero</b> Citizens (who can) pay into one national fund, like traditional Medicare, that pays medical bills. Little or no additional costs. Pay <a href="#">less</a> ; get <a href="#">more</a> .	<b>Increased (more than ever)</b> Complex and expensive. Maintains the "middlemen." Premium assistance ( <b>our taxes</b> ) given to those earning high incomes, as well as low.
<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Full Benefits</b> Comprehensive: all medically-necessary care	<b>Partial</b> Variations among thousands of plans
<b>Number of Persons                      without Health Insurance</b>	<b>Zero</b> Everyone automatically included; all ages.	<b>Millions with no insurance</b> Will you or someone you know be left out?
<b>Major Medical Bills to Patients</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Major medical bills</b>
<b>Financial, Physical, Emotional                      Stress due to medical costs</b>	<b>Dramatically reduced</b> Peace of mind for all regarding medical bills	<b>Increased Hardships</b> <a href="#">Hardships</a> expand to more people.
<b>Cost per Person</b>	<b>Minimal</b>	<b>Maximum Costs</b>

See the on-line version of this handout with links to more information: <http://www.medicareforall.org/pages/twochoices>

# How to Get Support for Single-Payer: Satisfy the President's Mandate

**Improved Medicare for All, no longer privatized: non-profit single-payer health national insurance.**

## President Obama

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<b>April 2007:</b>	<b>Recommendation during campaign: send 1,000 to 2,000 letters from every U.S. Congressional District</b> to U.S. Representatives. The president's mandate (demand) is that he must have a mandate from the people. His staff confirmed that letters are to be sent by U.S. Mail.
<b>2008-2009:</b>	<b>Current position: no support:</b> We, the people, have not yet sent his recommended number of letters to satisfy his mandate.
<b>Action to Take:</b>	<b>Send letters to U.S. Representatives</b> to get his support.

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## Members of the U.S. Congress

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<b>Previous Years through Current:</b>	<b>Position:</b> there is no "political will."
<b>Action to Take:</b>	<b>Send letters to U.S. Representatives</b> to create "political will."

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## Steps to Help Get Care via Single-Payer

- 1.) **"Sign up"** at [www.medicareforall.org](http://www.medicareforall.org)
- 2.) **Make one phone call, and log it.** Select "Help Get Care".
- 3.) **Send a letter once per month.** Participants report that the suggestions provided each month help make the printing, personalizing and sending of a letter a 10-15 minute task. Steps to take are received when you sign up. Consider doing the "extras" that take little additional time: a) also send your letter to the president and b) make phone calls.
- 4.) **Get 10 or more** additional participants. Select "Help Get Care."
- 5.) **Track the results** to know how close we are to goal in each district. Select "Status."