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for Congress

Health Care for All

No one should be without health care. We are the only modern industrial country without a national health plan covering everyone. We need to join the rest of the modern world and guarantee health care for every resident of this country.

We Need a "Single Payer" Health Care Plan

- Government financing no insurance companies and their private profits.
- No co-payments or deductibles.
- Free choice of health care providers (doctors, hospitals, etc.).
- Public accountability with democratically set policies and priorities.
- Medical decisions made by patients and their health care providers.
- Increase funding for medical research.
- Job training for the current health insurance workers.

Why a "Single Payer" Health Care Plan is the Best Plan

- Everyone would have health care insurance.
- Workers health care would not depend upon their job or a family member's job.
- Doctors would not be constantly scrutinized by insurance company accountants.
- Less overhead expenses. Medicare overhead is 3% while private insurance runs 15-25%
- It could save approximately \$150 billion on paperwork alone, according to Physicians for a National Health Plan.
- Currently over 25% of our health care money goes to marketing, billing, reviews, etc.
- Most businesses would save money (those paying for employee health care insurance).
- Massive savings would easily cover expected increased health care usage.
- It is not socialized medicine, it is socialized financing of health care.

Medications and Drugs - No private profit on our essential drugs!

- Price controls on all essential medications.
- Full public funding, ownership, and control of all drug research, patents and manufacturing.
- Greatly increased funding for drug research, especially so-called "orphan" drugs.

Other Medical Issues

- More funding and attention on disease prevention and general public health measures.
- More attention to preventing epidemics of communicable diseases like AIDS.
- More research into non-standard practices.

The Health Care Plank of the Peace and Freedom Party Platform

Health Care

We believe that access to quality medical and dental care is a basic human right. We stand for a democratically-controlled, publicly-funded health care system. We support health practices that emphasize education, prevention and nutrition and minimize dependence on drugs, surgery and radiation. We demand:

A Single-Payer health plan.

Free immunization programs.

No private patents on drugs developed through publicly-funded research.

Price controls on drugs and medical technology.

Safe pre-natal care, including women's choice of birth alternatives.

More medical facilities to provide services and education in low-income neighborhoods and rural areas.

More substance abuse treatment and needle-exchange programs.

More research into diseases and disorders caused by man-made substances.



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