

# Business *for* Medicare for All

## Business Leader Briefing: The Medicare for All Act of 2019

The Medicare for All Act of 2019, HR 1384 in the House, is the proposed legislation for a Medicare for All program. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) is the lead sponsor, and there are 119 co-sponsors in the House as of 9/20/2019.

The companion bill in the Senate, SB 1129, is the bill written by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT).

The core 5 principles of Medicare for All:

**A single, public program** — not a patchwork.

**Provides comprehensive coverage** — that includes dental, vision, hearing, abortion, and all other necessary services.

**Free at the point of use** — no fees, copays, no deductibles.

**Universal** — all residents must be guaranteed an equal standard of care, including the undocumented.

It includes a **jobs transition program** — with severance, jobs training, and retirement assistance for all impacted workers.

Care is truly comprehensive, including::

Primary Care

Hospital and outpatient

Prescription Drugs

Dental

Vision and hearing

Women's Reproductive Health Services

Maternity and newborn care

Long term care services Focus on a home and community based setting (this detail is very important. Home and community based care would be a was a major victory for many disability advocates).

Lab and diagnostic services

Ambulatory services

CHOICE: Eliminates existing "network" structure meaning complete freedom to see providers / use hospitals

Financing:

Eliminates the administrative waste that is associated with our multi-payer system.

Hospitals would be financed through global budgeting, and individual providers would be compensated by fee-for-service.

Roll-out: 2-year transition period where after one year, all persons over the age of 55 and under the age of 19 are eligible. Everybody is eligible after 2 years.