

John Mannion Supports A Government Takeover Of Our Health Care System In New York. Mannion's Socialized Medicine Plan Would Require Up To \$226 Billion In New Taxes, End Private Health Insurance, Chase Doctors Out Of The State And Force People To Find New Doctors.

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VIDEO: When Asked If He Would Support The Medicare For All Act, Mannion Said The "Transformation Of Our Health Care System Is On That Is Necessary" But Also Said There Are People With Insurance Who Want To Keep Their Insurance. QUESTION: "Do you support Medicare For All Act that will shift power from the insurance corporations towards public control of healthcare resources and increase community control and increase equality based on the race, gender, sexuality, citizenship, age, and the ability to pay?" MANNION: "I will say that what we have done in the state of New York is expanded coverage and affordability to 99% of the population that has heard over the course of the time, where you know I came into office it was about 92%. We also recently have passed legislation to prevent litigation of medical debt and that has moved through the Senate and hopeful that it will go through the Assembly and be signed by the governor. There's also actions that have been taken into the federal level to make sure that we expand the number of services that are provided to individuals free of cost and we saw that in the pandemic with testing and vaccinations. The transformation of our healthcare system is one that is necessary because, exactly because of the story that we just heard about. And we can make that transition. I do believe that in the state and transfer to the federal level we can do it in a practical way. That means coverage for individuals zero to four, that means coverage while pregnant and maternal coverage. There are insurance carriers in this state and in this country enjoy the insurance that they have. They don't wanna leave that insurance but what we have to continue to fight for is a more just and more affordable system, like capping the cost of insulin, like being able to truly negotiate drug prices, and that is a way to keep costs down and to keep people out of debt by restricting litigation against them. We do have grant programs in the state and we need that at the federal level we can move the needle move the needle to expand more coverage in programs like Medicare and Medicaid to make sure that individuals are protected. While the goal should be that everyone has coverage and there is equity in healthcare, that is going to be tremendously leap to get there and we will need buy in to get there."

(^{NY22} Primary Candidate Forum, [CNY Solidarity Coalition](#), 5/20/24) @44:30

- **VIDEO: Mannion: "The Transformation Of Our Healthcare System Is One That Is Necessary Because, Exactly Because Of The Story That We Just Heard About. And We Can Make That Transition. I Do Believe That In The State And Transfer To The Federal Level We Can Do It In A Practical Way. That Means Coverage For Individuals Zero To Four, That Means Coverage While Pregnant And Maternal Coverage. There Are Insurance Carriers In This State And In This Country Enjoy The Insurance That They Have. They Don't Wanna Leave That Insurance But What We Have To Continue To Fight For Is A More Just And More Affordable System"** (^{NY22} Primary Candidate Forum, [CNY Solidarity Coalition](#), 5/20/24) @44:30

In 2018 And 2020, Mannion Supported The New York Health Act Which Would Create A Single Payer System And Could Require Up To \$226 Billion In New Taxes

In 2020, Mannion Said He Would Advocate For Affordable, Quality Healthcare Including The New York Health Act. QUESTION: "Would that mean you'd support the New York Health Act?" MANNION: "I support making sure that there is affordable quality healthcare for everybody and accessibility for it and therefore, you know, we're in a very dynamic time, when I get to the legislature I'm going to advocate to make sure that that happens whether it's passing that act or in another manner." (^{50th} State Senate Debate, [WSYR Syracuse](#), 10/17/20)

- **The New York Health Act Would Create A Single-Payer System To Provide Health Care To All New York Residents.** “The New York Health Act (NYHA) would create a single-payer system with the goal of providing universal healthcare for all New York residents.” (“WHAT IS THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT (SINGLE-PAYER BILL)?” [Sen. Robert Jackson](#), Accessed 7/16/24)
- **Economists Have Estimated That The New York Health Act Would Require Up To \$226 Billion In New Taxes.** “Most of the research about a New York single-payer plan has attempted to estimate the aggregate cost of the legislation for taxpayers. For example, Gerald Friedman, an economics professor at UMass Amherst, has claimed that NYHA would cut the state’s overall health-care spending by \$45 billion, or 15%, as of 2019 because of reductions in administrative costs and payments to medical providers. Nevertheless, he estimated that expanding coverage and replacing private health-care spending would require an additional \$91 billion in taxes, on top of the currently projected state revenues of \$82 billion.[11] This analysis has been disputed by Avik Roy of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity. Roy estimated that a \$226 billion increase in state taxes would instead be required to implement changes proposed in the legislation for 2019.[12] The RAND Corporation, however, estimated that \$139 billion in extra taxes would be needed to fund NYHA in 2022, with the cost to taxpayers rising to \$210 billion in 2031.[13] The authors of the RAND report suggested that this expense could be funded by a progressive tax, with a top marginal rate (for those with incomes above \$141,200 per year) starting at 18.3% in 2022 and rising to 20.0% by 2031. They further warned that the rate would have to rise to 88% if 0.5% of high earners move out of state. The payments would be on top of existing taxes from federal, state, and local governments, which already rise to a top marginal rate of 49.7% in New York City.[14]” (Bill Hammond and Chris Pope, “The Impact of Single-Payer on New York Hospitals,” [Manhattan Institute](#), 11/13/18)