

John Avlon Has Wholeheartedly Endorsed Kamala Harris And If He's Elected To Congress, Avlon Would Be A Vote In Favor Of Harris' Health Care Plan Which Would Cost American Taxpayers, Eliminate Private Health Insurance, Increase Middle-Class Taxes, And Take Away Your Choice Of Doctor

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During Her 2020 Campaign For President, Kamala Harris Endorsed A Plan To Transition The United States Into A "Medicare For All" healthcare System, A Plan That Would Eliminate Private Insurance And Lead To Tax Increases On All Americans

Kamala Harris Supported "Medicare For All" During Her 2020 Candidacy For President. ("Medicare For All," [Kamala Harris For President](#), Archived 12/3/19)

MEDICARE FOR ALL

In America, health care should be a right, not a privilege only for those who can afford it. That's why we need Medicare for All.

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Here are the key points of Kamala's plan for Medicare for All:

- Provide affordable, comprehensive health care for every American.
 - Her plan will cover all medically necessary services, including emergency room visits, doctor visits, vision, dental, hearing aids, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and comprehensive reproductive health care services.
 - It will also allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices.
- Include a 10-year transition period so that we take the time to ensure that everyone has a plan that works for them.
- Allow private insurers to offer Medicare plans as a part of this system that adhere to strict Medicare requirements on costs and benefits.
- People will have a choice between private Medicare for All plans and the public Medicare for All plan.
- Exempt households making below \$100,000 (or more in certain high cost areas) from any income-based premiums. And, we'll pay for that by taxing certain Wall Street transactions.

(“Medicare For All,” [Kamala Harris For President](#), Archived 12/3/19)

The U.S. Chamber Claims The Medicare-For-All Would Result In Higher Out-Of-Pocket Costs And Premiums For Millions Of American And Employees, A Reduction In Access To Providers And Hospitals, And A Chilling Effect On Medical Innovation. “The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the introduction of a new House ‘Medicare for All’ proposal because it would eliminate the private insurance coverage that more than 180 million Americans depend on for their healthcare needs.... A recent analysis on the impact of Medicare for All underscores how disruptive such a sweeping change would be for consumers. A single-payer system will lead to: Higher out-of-pocket costs and premiums for millions of American and employees; A reduction in access to providers and hospitals, and; A chilling effect on medical innovation that has been so fundamental to our nation’s response to COVID-19.” (“U.S. Chamber: Medicare For All Would Decimate Employer-Sponsored Insurance Coverage For 180 Million Americans,” [U.S. Chamber Of Commerce](#), 3/17/21)

According To A 2010 Congressional Budget Office Analysis, Medicare-For-All Could Cost More Than \$30-\$40 Trillion Over The Following Decade. “Democrats eyeing Medicare-for-all are trying to avoid the same trap Republicans fell into back in 2017 when they were trying to replace Obamacare. The trap is this: a damaging analysis from the Congressional Budget Office, Congress’s official scorekeeper. This afternoon, the CBO is expected to release a highly anticipated report on the potential structure and costs of transitioning the United States into a single-payer

system.... That score could be sizable — and probably would fuel charges from Republicans and the health-care industry that Medicare-for-all is an impossible and rash scheme that would jeopardize health care for millions of Americans. The Jayapal measure, which would grant every American a comprehensive health plan with very little cost-sharing, probably would cost more than \$30 trillion or even \$40 trillion over the next decade, many times the cost of the 2010 Affordable Care Act.” (Paulina Firozi, “The Health 202: New CBO Analysis Could Torpedo Medicare-For-All Proposals,” [Washington Post](#), 5/1/19)

Medicare For All Would Eliminate Private Insurance And Increase Taxes On The Middle Class

Medicare For All Would Eliminate Private Insurance. “The co-chair of the Progressive Caucus is releasing a proposal Wednesday to transition the United States to a single-payer health care system, one in which a single, government-run health plan provides insurance coverage to all Americans. ‘We mean a complete transformation of our health care system and we mean a system where there are no private insurance companies that provide these core benefits,’ Jayapal told reporters Tuesday. ‘We mean universal care, everybody in, nobody out.’” (Sarah Kliff, “Medicare-For-All: Rep. Pramila Jayapal’s New Bill, Explained,” [Vox](#), 2/26/19)

According To The Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget, Medicare For All Would Increase Taxes On The Middle Class. “With several 2020 presidential candidates endorsing a move to single-payer health care (Medicare for All), there is an ongoing debate over whether such a plan would include higher taxes on the middle class... Regardless of the overall impact of Medicare for All, it is clear that taxes on the middle class would have to rise in order to pay for it. Those taxes could be imposed directly on workers, indirectly through taxes on employers or consumption, or through a combination of direct or indirect taxes. There is simply not enough available revenue from high earners and businesses to cover the full cost of eliminating premiums, ending all cost-sharing, and expanding coverage to all Americans and for (virtually) all health services.” (“Would Medicare For All Require A Middle-Class Tax Hike?” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget](#), 10/22/19)

Medicare For All Could Increase Wait Times And Reduce Access To Care

A May 2019 Analysis On Single-Payer Health Care By The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Noted That A Single-Payer System Would Put Pressure On The Available Supply Of Care. “An expansion of insurance coverage under a single-payer system would increase the demand for care and put pressure on the available supply of care. People who are currently uninsured would receive coverage, and some people who are currently insured could receive additional benefits under the single-payer system, depending on its design. Whether the supply of providers would be adequate to meet the greater demand would depend on various components of the system, such as provider payment rates. If the number of providers was not sufficient to meet demand, patients might face increased wait times and reduced access to care. In the longer run, the government could implement policies to increase the supply of providers.” (“Key Design Components And Considerations For Establishing A Single-Payer Health Care System,” [Congressional Budget Office](#), 5/1/19)

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