

# Everybody in! Nobody out! IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL

The Illinois Single-Payer Coalition is an alliance of people and organizations in Illinois working to enact a national single-payer health system—Improved Medicare for All (Improved M4A).

# What Is Improved M4A?

The system we work toward is publicly financed—like the police or fire department—and delivered by private and public providers. If you live in the U.S., you're guaranteed health care for life.

These are the elements we believe are essential to true Medicare for All:

# If you live here, you're covered.

Citizens, immigrants, refugees, undocumented residents... *everybody* in the U.S. is included.

## If it's medically necessary, it's covered.

Improved M4A is more comprehensive than Medicare. It covers medical care, medical equipment, prescriptions, long-term care, home care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, reproductive health, dentistry, vision and hearing services, and much more.

#### You pay nothing out-of-pocket.

No premiums. No co-pays or co-insurance. No deductibles. No caps.

## You chose your provider.

There are no networks to limit your choice.

#### It's not-for-profit.

Your health needs won't be compromised by profit-seeking insurers. Ideally, providers should be not-for-profit as well.

# Can we afford it?

Of course we can. Every other wealthy country does; they spend far less than we do per person, and they get better health outcomes.

# We're already paying for it.

Medicare, Medicaid, and other government health programs already account for a majority of health care spending. The rest is coming out of your pocket. And a lot of that money is being diverted to profit-seeking corporations.

## M4A dramatically reduces waste.

Eliminating insurance companies will save billions of dollars and human resources now wasted on complex administration, corporate profits, marketing, and fighting claims. Improved M4A will use those resources to provide care.

## M4A will negotiate prices and target needs.

A single-payer system will have the power to negotiate better prices and target spending on healthcare needs.

The bottom line: lower costs, better care.

# Help make it happen!

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