



MEDICARE FOR ALL!

Nurses' Campaign to Win Medicare for All Frequently Asked Questions:

“There aren’t enough nurses and doctors to take care of everyone who has coverage now. How can we possibly make Medicare for All work?”

It is structural issues with our healthcare system that create these artificial “provider shortages.” Medicare for All will correct those systemic issues and ensure enough nurses and doctors will be on hand to take care of everybody.

- **Corporate greed, budget cuts, a lack of adequate support staff, and burnout are responsible for the nursing “shortage.”** In an attempt to minimize labor costs, hospitals are unwilling to hire sufficient nurses and instead are [increasingly trying to make nurses do more](#) with less. [More than half of all doctors are experiencing burnout with only slightly lower rates for nurses](#). This is leading to higher turnover rates as well as causing providers to change their profession or retire early.
- **Doctor shortages are mainly in the field of primary care, because they are paid so poorly under our current system.** Primary care doctors are [paid less](#) than most specialists creating a scarcity in the form of care patients rely on most. Medicare for All will give most primary care physicians a [pay raise](#) and reverse this trend.
- **Medicare for All mandates sufficient staffing and ensures hospitals and other institutions are resourced sufficiently to implement reforms.** [Funding](#) health institutions with global budgets, as well as [requiring](#) that these institutions have an appropriate number of nurses on hand, will end the artificial shortage of nurses.
- **Medicare for All will also create a new governmental division to specifically address these concerns.** A new [Office of Primary Care](#) will be created specifically to come up with new policies and guidelines to ensure we have an appropriate number of providers in the system. The [special projects budget](#) can also be used to hire staff in medically underserved areas.

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