

"How would Medicare for All handle the Veterans Health Administration and the Indian Health Service?"

Although suffering from underfunding, both the Veterans Health Administration (VA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) offer critically important and culturally competent services to their respective constituencies. Medicare for All will preserve these institutions while ensuring they have the ability to provide care to those that need it.

- The Veterans Health Administration and the Indian Health Service will be preserved under Medicare for All. The Medicare for All Act <u>does not end or alter</u> the Veterans Health Administration or the Indian Health Service. This ensures that the specialized care that these institutions provide can continue.
- Veterans and Native Americans could choose to seek care through their respective institutions, if eligible, or see any provider they want outside of them. Under Medicare for All, the VA and IHS will still exist to provide specialized care to their respective constituencies. However, if Veterans and Native Americans so choose, they can see any provider outside of those institutions and receive full coverage under Medicare for All.
- The IHS is protected from alterations under Medicare for All. The Medicare for All Act prohibits any reevaluation of the Indian Health Service without consultation with the tribes that participate.

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