



MEDICARE FOR ALL!

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

“I keep hearing Medicare for All would force doctors to take a pay cut. Is that true?”

Our current system rewards doctors who enter specialized fields and penalizes primary care physicians. This specialist-centric system affects people's ability to get primary care, as doctors entering the profession can no longer afford to run small family or internal medicine practices and as healthcare corporations prioritize high-reimbursement specialty care over primary care. We must reverse this trend and ensure that primary care physicians receive fair compensation for their services. Medicare for All, far from resulting in a pay cut, would actually be a massive boon for doctors who provide primary care services.

- **Primary care physicians would be fairly reimbursed in a system that is not driven by profit-making.** Amongst the various types of doctors that practice in the United States, primary care physicians [ranked near the bottom](#) in terms of salary as a share of the revenue they generate. By prioritizing care, Medicare for All would address the payment structures that undervalue primary care and overvalue specialist procedures.
- **The billing process consumes hours of time that could be spent seeing more patients.** Under our multipayer system, doctors waste precious time that could be spent seeing patients fighting with dozens of different insurance companies and health administrators to get services that their patients need covered. Under Medicare for All, precious time that doctors and other health care providers currently spend on preauthorizing medical treatments, billing, and coding would be freed up, allowing providers to do more of what they do best—care for patients. Medicare for All would simplify the administrative process for doctors and other providers by having one payer.

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