

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

"I don't want my taxes increased to pay for other people's care"

Currently, we in the United States spend absurd amounts, both individually and as a nation, on a healthcare system that fails to cover everybody and is riddled with bloat, waste, and inefficiency. Both businesses and individuals could save a lot of money under Medicare for All, and everyone will receive comprehensive, high quality care.

- Premiums are taxes, as are copays. In reality, we are the highest taxed nation in the world for our health care system. Americans spend twice as much per capita on health care as other countries which have universal coverage and provide better outcomes. Our taxes, instead of going to health care as they do in other countries, are paid in the form of premiums and copays to line the pockets of insurance executives.
- Virtually everybody except the wealthiest Americans will benefit under Medicare for All. Low- and middle-income families stand to benefit from substantially reduced costs with much higher access to the care they need.
- Businesses, small businesses in particular, will also benefit from Medicare for All.
   Currently, small businesses are constrained from growth by skyrocketing healthcare costs. Many business owners that want to provide coverage to their employees can't afford to. This hurts their competitiveness in attracting the best workers when compared to more established businesses. Medicare for All could also reduce costs for most businesses that currently provide coverage to their employees.
- The tax proposals put forward to fund Medicare for All will all amount to far less overall than what we currently pay for health care in this country. Whether it be a Wall St transactions tax or a repeal of the Trump tax cuts, the various tax proposals out there to fund the remaining third of health care spending not already paid for by the federal government could amount to far less than what individuals currently pay for care.

