



# MEDICARE FOR ALL!

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

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### “Will Medicare for All result in longer wait times for care?”

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There is nothing inherent to a single payer system that increases wait times. More importantly, Medicare for All will end the most severe wait time of all: people's outright inability to get the care they need because they can't afford it.

- **We already have a single payer system in the form of Medicare, which has some of the shortest wait times in the world.** Medicare as it exists now has some of the shortest wait times in the world for seniors, with only [21 percent](#) of seniors ever having to wait four weeks to see a specialist. It's perfectly possible to design a single payer system that avoids long wait times and guarantees everybody gets the care they need.
- **Medicare for All will eliminate self-imposed wait times by redirecting money to care that is currently spent on overpriced prescription drugs and administrative waste.** Over half of all Americans [delay getting or outright deny](#) themselves care because they can't afford it. This is the ultimate form of extended wait times, and a form that does not exist in any other country with guaranteed health care. Medicare for All uses savings from its strong negotiating power and the reduction of administrative waste to eliminate premiums, copays, and deductibles that serve as barriers to care thereby ensuring that nobody ever has to delay care because they can't afford it.
- **Medicare for All ensures that there are sufficient doctors, nurses, and hospitals to provide timely care to all.** The [capital expenditures](#) budget in HR 1384 will ensure that under-resourced facilities can modernize and upgrade, while the special projects budget will ensure adequate resources go to staffing rural and medically underserved areas. Finally, the [office of primary care](#) will implement policies that maximize the retention and facilitate a new influx of providers into the current system.

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