



MEDICARE FOR ALL!

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

Won't hospitals be forced to shut down under Medicare for All?

A common industry talking point against Medicare for All is the claim that it will force hospitals to close. In reality, Medicare for All will stop the current epidemic of hospital closures and ensure that hospitals have the resources they need to deliver high quality care to patients.

- **Medicare for All, specifically HR 1384, implements a different service delivery mechanism for hospitals: the global budget.** Global budgets are lump sum payments to a hospital to cover all of its operating expenses. Tailored to each hospital, global budgets ensure that providers get the appropriate funding for the services that their patients need. This is opposed to the way things are, where hospitals, particularly rural hospitals, [are closing at a record rate](#) under our private, market-driven system.
- **Separate capital expenditures and special projects budgets will help ensure hospitals in medically underserved areas can stay open and modernize.** [These budgets](#) will help underfunded hospitals renovate and modernize their facilities, purchase new equipment, and hire the staff needed to ensure they can stay open and continue to provide high quality care to their patients and communities.
- **Medicare for All also helps curb out of control costs that currently burden hospitals in other ways.** Under Medicare for All all patients will have insurance and be able to seek care. Uncompensated care for uninsured patients and patients with insurance who can't afford their copay or deductible, won't exist anymore since Medicare for All pays for the full cost of services. Hospitals will also save money in lower administrative costs. Finally, hospitals will pay less for prescription drugs under Medicare for All than they currently do.

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