

Medicare for All California Benefits to Local School Districts

Improved Medicare for All California would replace all health insurance plans in California by providing comprehensive health care to all residents.

Health care providers, including doctors, hospitals, HMOs, and clinics would remain in place, but receive payment from this public plan, instead of from Medicare, Covered California, MediCal, Healthy Families, county governments, or one of thousands of private insurance plans currently serving Californians.

Improved Medicare for All California would have three major advantages over the current situation. **All residents** would be covered, the **coverage would be better** than almost any existing insurance, and it would **cost less** than what we are now paying.

The savings would come mainly from a reduction of the administrative overhead, which is about 25% in California today, to less than 5%. Additional savings are expected from negotiating prices for bulk purchasing of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, from reduced overuse of hospital emergency rooms, and from improved preventive care.

Medicare for All California would be particularly beneficial to school districts:

- School districts that currently provide health insurance benefits for their employees, would see a cost reduction of health insurance costs,
- The cost of retiree health benefits, which would be provided under the plan, would be reduced and stabilized.
- The contentious health insurance issue would be removed from labor contract negotiations.
- All residents would have good health coverage, reducing illness and improving attendance and, for school children, learning readiness
- Improved Medicare for All California would pay for mental health care.
- Businesses would enjoy the same savings and improved employee relations as government agencies. A more stabilized business environment would benefit us all.

In order to come to pass, Medicare for All California will need support from local governments, civic organizations, unions, individuals, and businesses. This support must be communicated to State Senators and Assembly Members, both Republicans and Democrats.



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