

People Are Dying... We Need National Single-Payer Healthcare NOW!!!!

The health care crisis in the United States affects everyone. Over 45 million people are uninsured and millions more are underinsured. With the economy in a recession and thousands losing jobs, the numbers of uninsured will go up. People are dying. The Institute of Medicine estimates that lack of health insurance leads to the unnecessary deaths of 18,000 Americans every year.

Health care reform is back on the national agenda. President-elect Barack Obama said reforming the health care system is a priority for his administration. But what is the best approach? A mix of public, private, and employer? A mandate like in Massachusetts? Single-payer?

Advocates for a single-payer health care system believe the government should finance health care. A single-payer system would cover everyone and end the privatized, employer-based system of coverage.

Congressman John Conyers has introduced a bill, **HR 676** that proposes a national, single-payer health care system for the United States.

January 21st, a panel will discuss how a single-payer system works, a patient's perspective on the current system, and how to win single-payer.

Alan Jackson MD, Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP)

Vanessa Beck, patient and community organizer with Chicago Single-Payer Action Network (CSPAN)

Helen Redmond LCSW CADC, emergency room social worker and community organizer with Chicago Single-Payer Action Network (CSPAN)

Come with your questions, concerns, and disagreements.

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Dinner Provided
ADA accessible**

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