

Health Care for All Colorado Questionnaire for candidates for Colorado General Assembly

1. This year the 208 Commission on Health Care Reform had 5 proposals evaluated for cost and efficiency by the Lewin Group. The only proposal which was found to cover all Coloradans and cost less than what Colorado is currently spending on health care was the Colorado Health Services Plan (CHSP), a single payer plan. This plan provides:

- * Peace of mind: guaranteed health care
- * Quality, comprehensive health coverage for all
- * Cost control
- * Competition: public-payer, private provider system
- * Choice of providers and hospitals
- * Sliding scale: everyone pays their fair share
- * Long-term, dental, and mental health care
- * An emphasis on preventive care and primary care

Quest. 1A: If the Colorado Single Payer Health Services Plan is introduced in the next session of the Legislature, would you support it?

___ **YES** ___ **NO**

Comments: _____

Quest. 1B: Would you support other legislation that works toward development of a comprehensive single-payer health services plan in Colorado that would replace reliance on the commercial health insurance industry?

___ **YES** ___ **NO**

Comments: _____

2. This year 14 states had pending legislation calling for action to do something about the health care crisis facing their citizens. Canada's national, single payer health care plan, known as "Medicare," started after one western province implemented a single payer universal health care plan which was successful and cost effective.

Quest. 2: Do you believe the state of Colorado has an obligation to provide relief to its citizens in areas such as health care when the Federal Government is unable or unwilling to do so?

___ **YES** ___ **NO**

Comments: _____

3. There are several bi-partisan, state-based health care proposals currently pending in Congress which would encourage states to serve as "laboratories for the nation" by developing new and creative plans for health care. S 1169 (Feingold-Graham), "The State-based Health Care Reform Act," would grant funding to several states to implement the health care programs of their choice. Plans could

range from single-payer systems to tax incentives to employer-mandated coverage. A similar bill, HR 506 (Baldwin-Price), is pending in the House.

Quest. 3: Would you support a resolution calling for our Colorado Congressional delegation to support legislation that encourages states to serve as “laboratories for the nation” by developing new and creative plans for health care?

___ **YES** ___ **NO**

Comments: _____

Quest. 4: I will advocate for single-payer health care reform when I address issues such as:

(Please check those that you believe are affected by the health care crisis.)

- ___ **poverty**
- ___ **inequality and disparities**
- ___ **bankruptcy**
- ___ **public health concerns**
- ___ **national, state and local budgets**
- ___ **rising populations and costs of prisons**
- ___ **educational improvement**
- ___ **businesses’ competitive viability**
- ___ **sustainability of Medicare**
- ___ **other:**

Comments: _____

Name: _____ Leg. District: _____

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Please complete and return this questionnaire by May 25 to: Eliza Carney, 2215 Shooting Star Ln., Ft. Collins, CO 80521. Thank you!