

Fix the Damn Healthcare



Sorting Out ACA 2.0, MFA, MED4AM & More!

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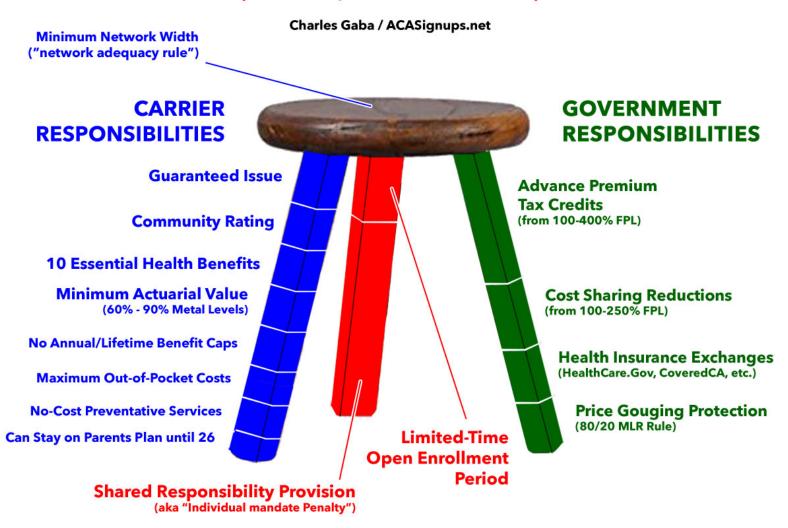
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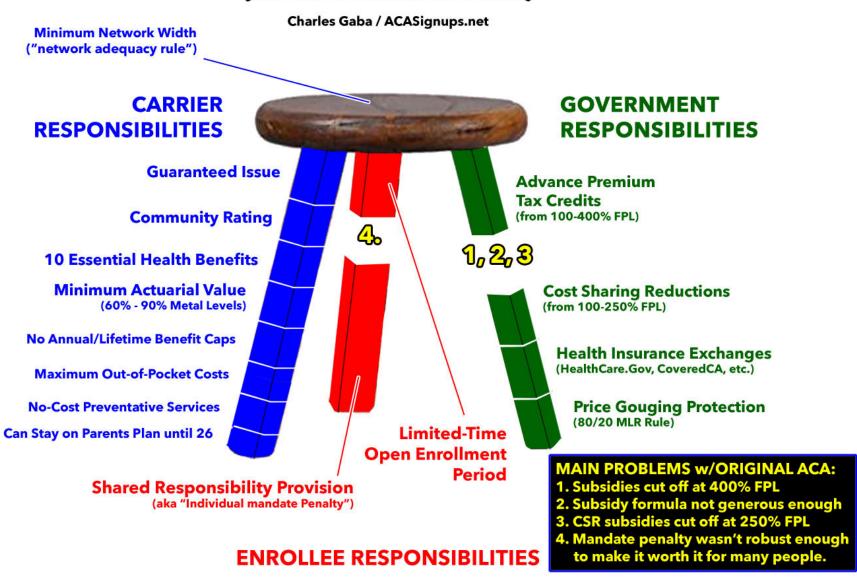


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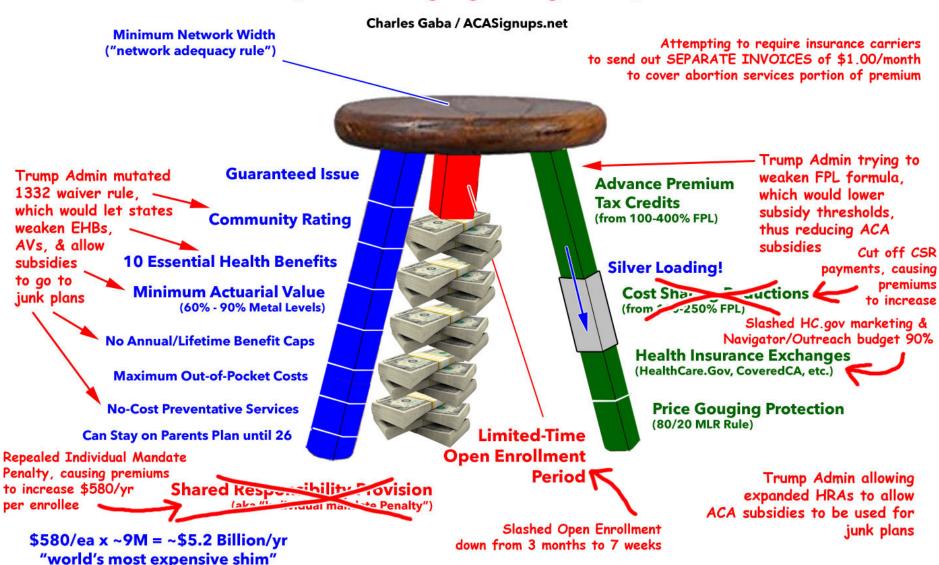


ENROLLEE RESPONSIBILITIES

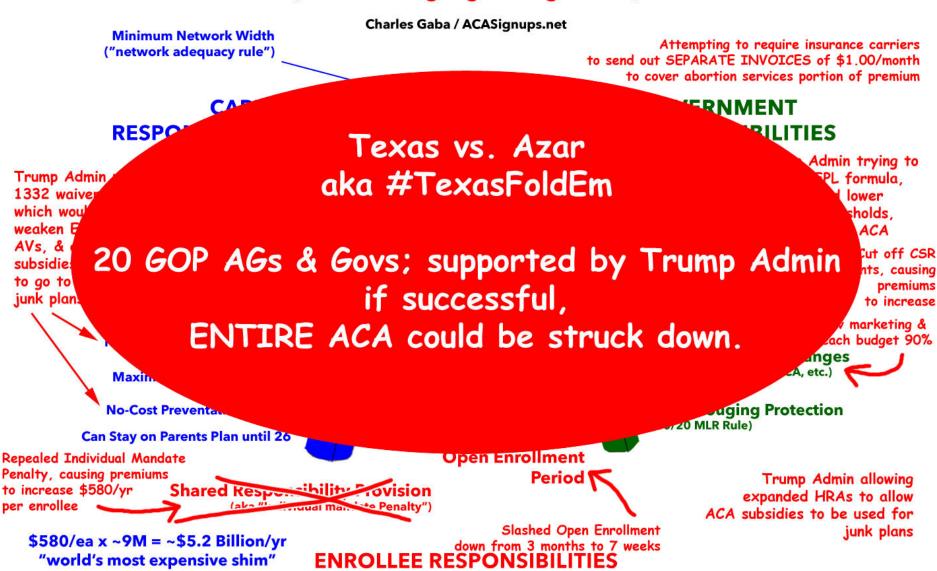
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(Additional Ongoing Sabotage Efforts)



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Ways to PROTECT, REPAIR and STRENGTHEN the ACA at the federal or state level

- PROTECT: Legislation to lock in existing ACA patient protections in the even they're stripped away at the federal level
- REPAIR: Legislation to restore ACA protections/regs which have already been stripped away at the federal level either legislatively or via regulatory changes by Trump
- **STRENGTHEN:** "ACA 2.0" improvements to take it to the next logical stage. Implementing even a few of these could dramatically improve/expand coverage while lowering costs for enrollees...many can be done at the state level without federal approval.

"ACA 2.0"

HOUSE: H.R. 1884:

"The Protecting Pre-Existing Conditions and Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2019"

"#PPECAMHCMAA"

SENATE: S.1213:

Consumer Health Insurance Protection Act "#CHIPA"

House ACA 2.0 Bill Package H.R. 1884:

- 1. PROTECT: H.R. 986: Reverses Trump Admin's mutation of 1332 waiver definition which would've massively weakened ACA Essential Health Benefit protections & more; Passed 5/09
- 2. REPAIR: H.R. 987 (MORE Act): Restores HC.gov marketing budget to \$100M/yr; regulates how it's used; Passed 5/17
- 3. REPAIR: H.R. 1386 (ENROLL Act): Restores HC.gov's navigator/ outreach budget to \$100M/yr; regulates use; Passed 5/17
- 4. REPAIR: H.R. 1010: Reverses Trump Admin's expansion of non-ACA compliant "short-term plans"; Passed 5/17
- 5. STRENGTHEN: H.R. 1385 (SAVE Act): Provides states w/\$200M in federal funds to establish state-based ACA exchanges; Passed 5/17
- 6. STRENGTHEN: H.R. 1425: Reinstates federal ACA reinsurance program w/\$10B/year (would reduce premiums ~11% on avg.)

House ACA 2.0 Bill Package H.R. 1884:

- 7. STRENGTHEN: Fixes ACA "Family Glitch" which prevents families
 from being eligible for subsidies if 1 member is eligible for any
 employer-sponsored policy (could increase enrollment by several
 million people)
- 8. REPAIR: Reverses Trump Admin's expansion of quasi-ACA compliant "Association Health Plans"
- 9. STRENGTHEN: Standardized Plans/Silver Spam Loophole Fix: Prevents gaming of ACA benchmark plan framework & reduces confusion for enrollees
- 10. STRENGTHEN: State Education/Enrollment Innovation Program
 Funding: Provides \$300M/yr to states to help them educate/
 streamline enrollment in the individual & small group markets
- 11. PROTECT/REPAIR: Audit HealthCare.Gov's budget, which Trump Admin has used to attack the ACA while simultaneously slashing open enrollment advertising, navigator/outreach & education, etc.

12. H.R. 1868: #KillTheCliffs!

Current ACA subsidies:

Those earning 100-400% FPL

• Single Adult: \$12.5K - \$50K

• Family of 4: \$25K - \$100K

- Capped at between 2 - 10% of income

PROBLEM #1:

- Lower-end Cliff: Those earning just over 100% (non-expansion states) or 138% (expansion states) have to pay 2.1% or 3.4% of income to start
- UPPER-END CLIFF: Those earning just over 400% FPL have to pay full price, which averages over 21% of income for 60-year old enrollees

PROBLEM #2:

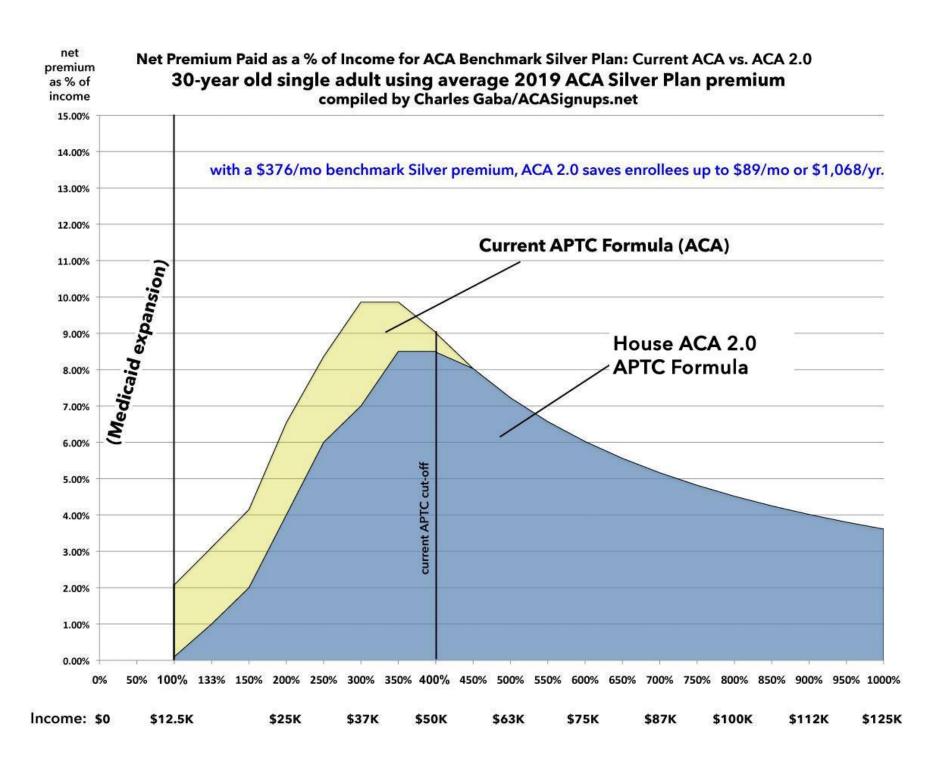
 Subsidies still not generous enough even for many in the 100-400% range

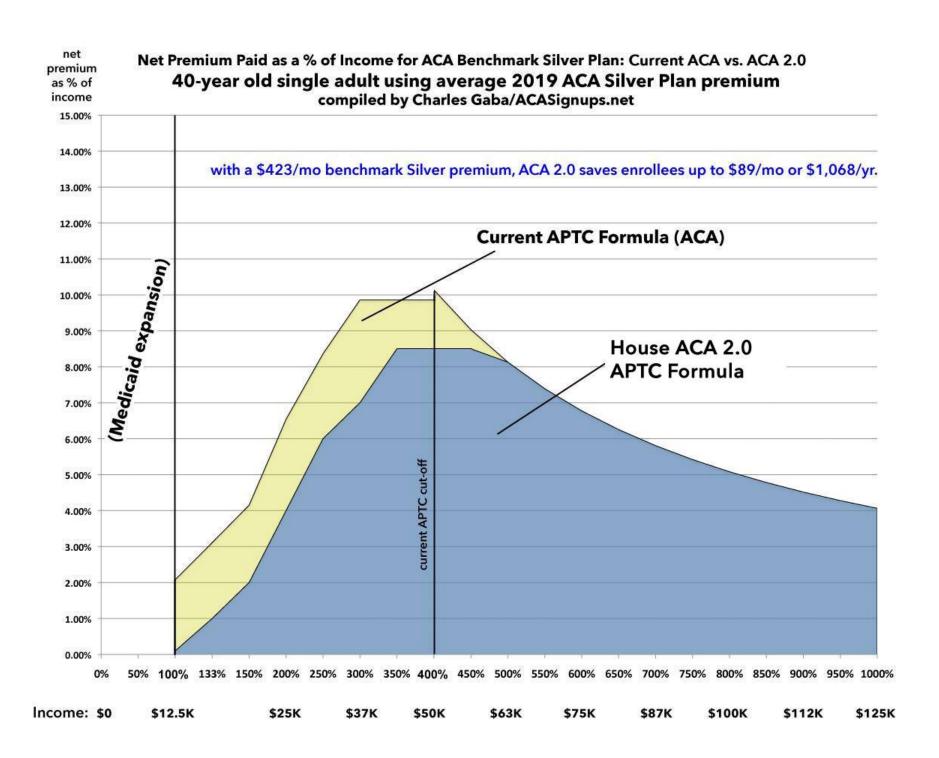
Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) CURRENT LAW (ACA)			
Household Income	Premium Cap (max % of income paid) Benchmark: Silver		
(FPL%)			
< 100%			
100 - 133%	2.08%		
133 - 150%	3.11 - 4.15%		
150 - 200%	4.15 - 6.54%		
200 - 250%	6.54 - 8.36%		
250 - 300%	8.36 - 9.86%		
300 - 400%	9.86%		
> 400%	n/a		

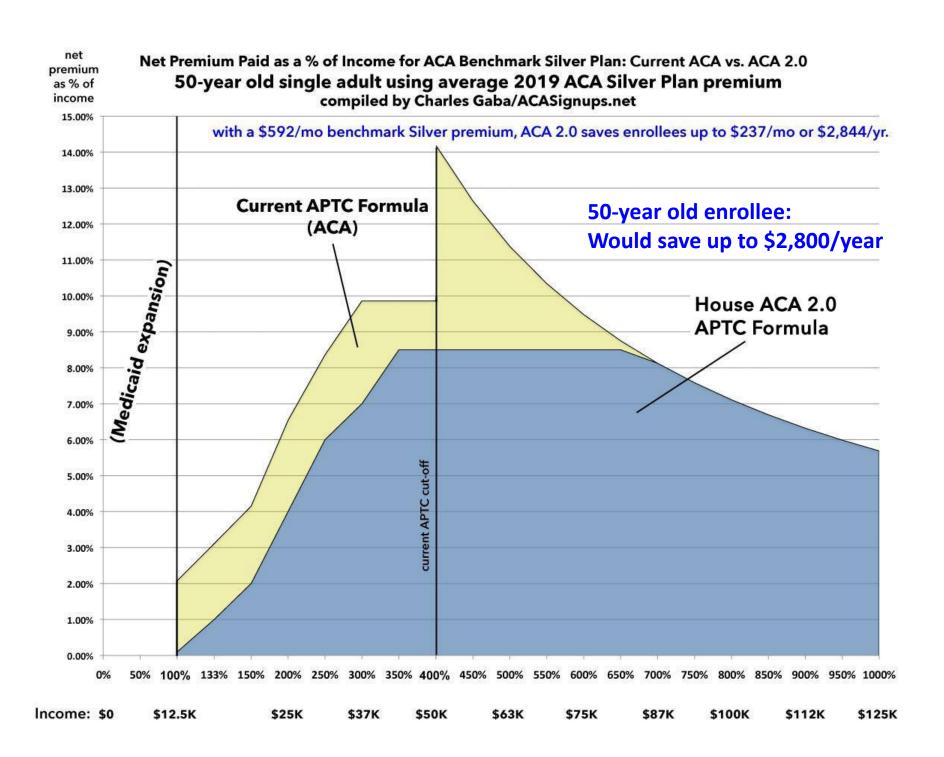
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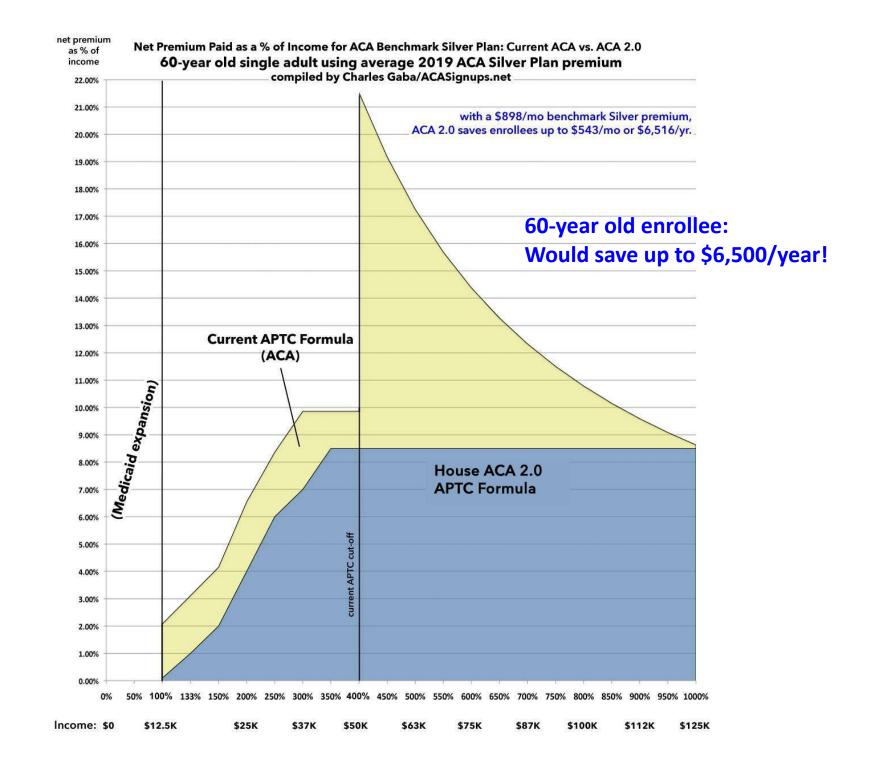
- Proposed "ACA 2.0" subsidies solve both problems:
 - Removes the upper-end cliff completely
 - Smooths out the lower-end cliff
 - Capped at between 0 8.5% of income
- Likely enrollment increase: 4-6 million people
- Eliminates need for confusing "Silver Switching"
- Makes off-exchange ACA enrollment completely unnecessary
- Likely additional cost: Just \$10 \$15
 billion/year

Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) under H.R. 1868(ACA 2.0)			
Household Income	Premium Cap (max % of income paid) Benchmark: Silver		
(FPL%)			
< 100%	n/a		
100 - 133%	0 - 1%		
133 - 150%	1 - 2%		
150 - 200%	2 - 4%		
200 - 250%	4 - 6%		
250 - 300%	6 - 7%		
300 - 400%	7 - 8.5%		
> 400%	8.50%		









S.1213: Consumer Health Insurance Protection Act ("CHIPA")

- Includes 8 major provisions of House version; in addition...
- Upgrades benchmark plan from Silver to Gold, effectively beefing up Cost Sharing Reduction assistance significantly
- Ties Medicare Advantage contracts to exchange participation in low-competition areas
- Adds a \$250/mo cap on prescription drug costs
- Increases Individual & Sm. Group MLR from 80% to 85%
- Addresses mid-year formulary bait-n-switch, network changes & treatment droppage
- Requires Open Enrollment to last at least 8 weeks
- Outlaws Surprise Billing (separate bill already in process)
- Eliminates 50% Smoker Surcharge (which has been found to do more harm than good)

Presidential Candidates on ACA 2.0

- Senate version primary sponsor: Sen. Warren
- Co-Sponsored by Sen. Booker, Sen. Gillibrand, Sen. Harris & Sen. Klobuchar
- Co-sponsored by Sen. Sanders in 2018 but not in 2019
- House version co-sponsored by Rep. Moulton
- Biden, Bullock, Delaney & Inslee have indicated strong support of protecting/improving the ACA
- All the other candidates seem to be onboard with ACA improvements



"Medicare for All"



Sen. Bernie Sanders's (I-VT) Medicare-for-all bill



Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) and the House Progressive Caucus's Medicare-for-all bill

"Medicare for America"



Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Jan Schakowsky's (D-IL) Medicare-for America-bill

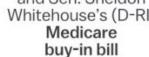
"Choose Medicare"



Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Chris Murphy's (D-CT) Medicare buy-in bill



Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse's (D-RI) Medicare



"CHOICE Act"



Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO), Rep. Brian Higgins's (D-NY) and Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) Medicare buy-in bill

"Medicare X"



Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan's (D-NM) Medicaid buy-in bill





The Urban Institute's Healthy America proposal



Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) Medicare-at-50 bill

"Healthy America"

"Medicare 50+"

DEMOCRATIC PLANS FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE, COMPARED

GOVERNMENT REGULATES HEALTH CARE PRICES

TAX INCREASES

UNIVERSAL COVERAGE



Jayapal and House Progressive Caucus



Sanders

KEEP EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE



Schatz and Lujan



Bennet, Higgins and Kaine



Urban Institute



Merkley and Murph



Schakowsky and Whitehouse

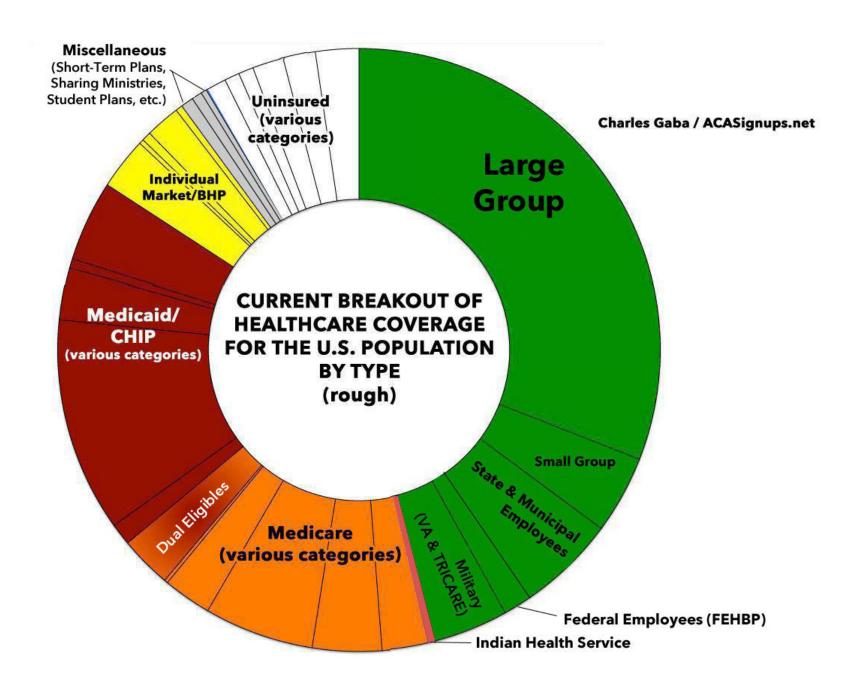


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ENROLLEE PAYS PREMIUMS



	Do ALL AMERICANS gain coverage?	Do Americans still get INSURANCE AT WORK?	Do public plan enrollees pay PREMIUMS ?	Does it require a TAX INCREASE?	Does the GOVERNMENT REGULATE health care prices?
Jayapal (D-WA) and the House Progressive Caucus's Medicare-for-all bill		×	\times		
Sanders's Medicare-for-all bill		\times	\times		
DeLauro (D-CT) and Schakowsky's (D-IL) Medicare for America bill					
Merkley (D-OR) and Murphy's (D-CT) Medicare buy-in bill	\times			\times	
Schakowsky (D-IL) and Whitehouse's (D-RI) Medicare buy-in bill	\times			\times	
Bennet (D-CO), Higgins's (D-NY) and Kaine (D-VA) Medicare buy-in bill	\times			\times	
Schatz (D-HI) and Lujan's (D-NM) Medicaid buy-in bill	\times			\times	
Stabenow (D-MI) Medicare-at-50 bill	\times			\times	
The Urban Institute's Healthy America proposal	\times				
Source: Vox analysis					Vox



MOST likely to WELCOME a single, mandatory, comprehensive, affordable healthcare program:

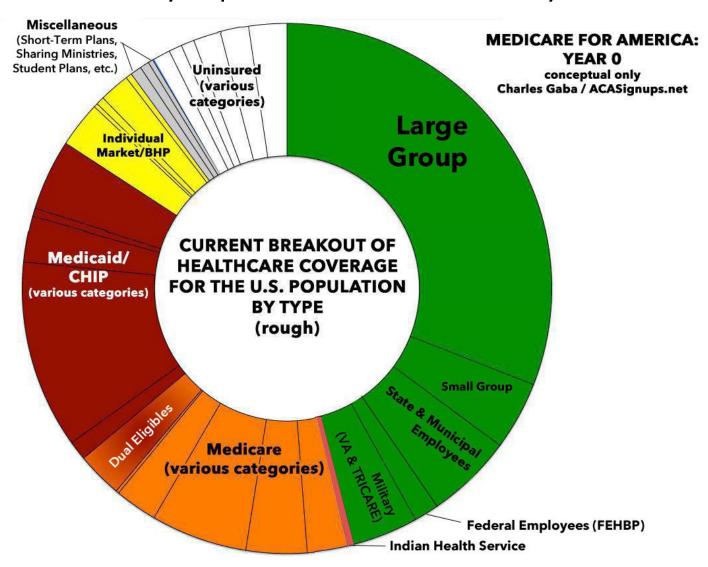
- Those currently UNINSURED (~30 million)
- Those currently enrolled in JUNK PLANS (~5 million)
- Those currently on INDIVIDUAL MARKET (~15 million)
 - Especially those who are unsubsidized or lightly subsidized.
- Those currently enrolled in **MEDICAID/CHIP** (~73 million)
 - To stop individual states from constantly screwing around with coverage, eligibility, etc.
- Those currently enrolled in MEDICARE (~55 million)
 - As long as they receive better benefits without having to pay more
- Total: ~52% of the total U.S. population

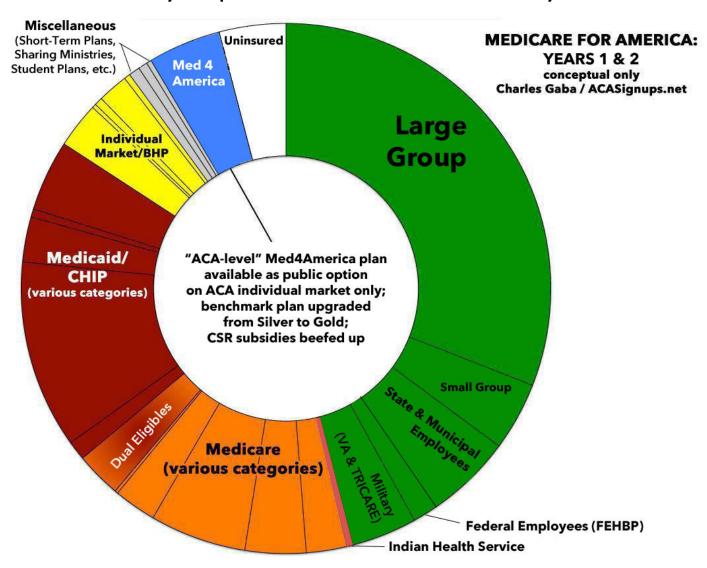
LEAST likely to welcome a single, mandatory, publicly run healthcare program:

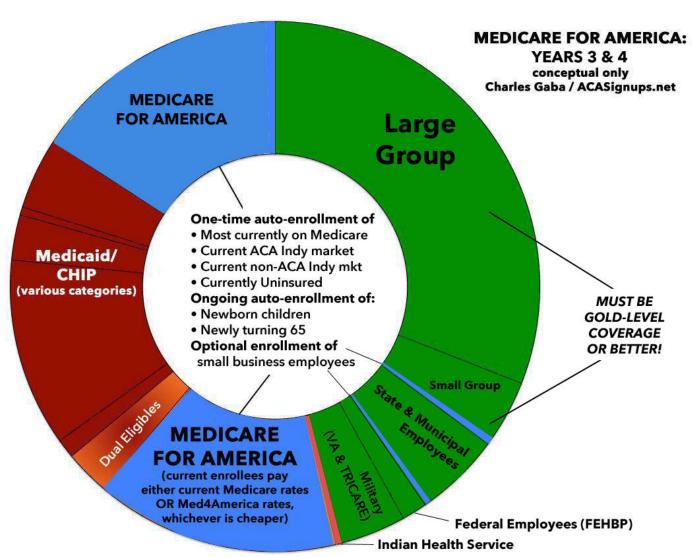
- Those enrolled in EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTHCARE (~160 million)
 - Includes Federal, State & Municipal employees
 - Includes Union Workers who gave up other benefits to acquire Gold-plated healthcare coverage
 - Includes Military TRICARE enrollees & the Indian Health Service
- ~2/3 are are at least satisfied (if not thrilled) w/current coverage
- Potential backlash over having current coverage replaced
- Concern about Big, Unknown Program, etc etc.
- Total: ~48% of the total U.S. population

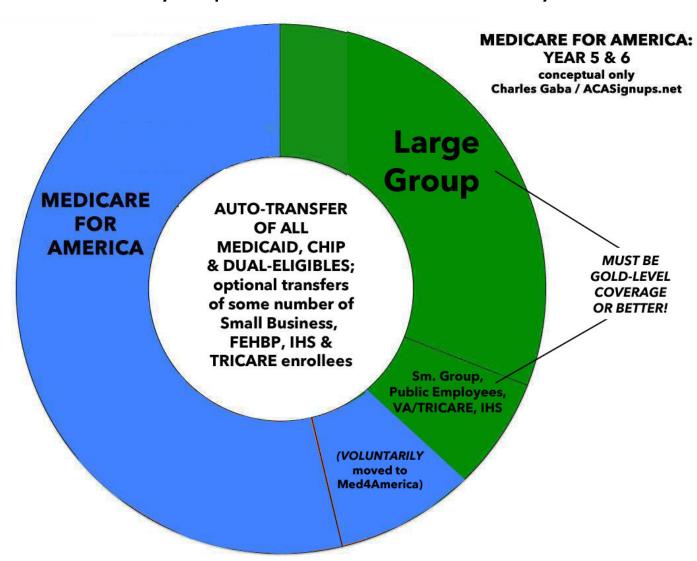
"Medicare for America" WHO'S COVERED?

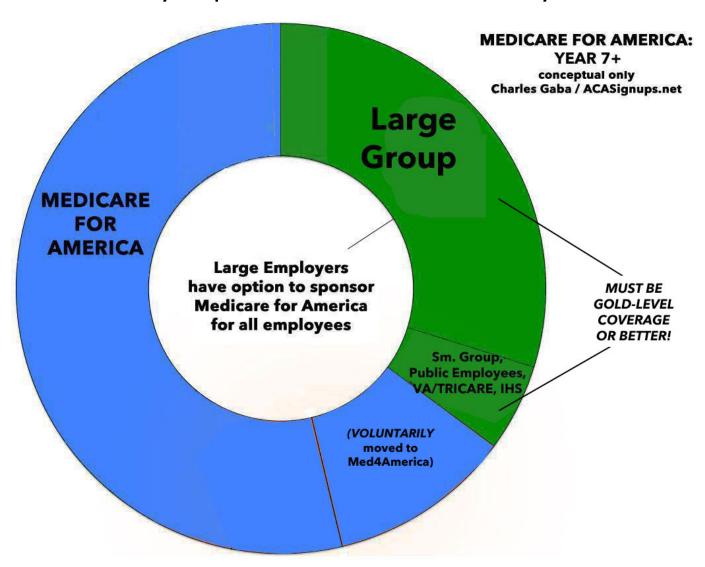
- ENROLLED AUTOMATICALLY: ~52% of the population:
 - Everyone currently UNINSURED
 - Everyone currently enrolled in the INDIVIDUAL MARKET
 - Everyone currently enrolled in MEDICAID or CHIP
 - Everyone currently enrolled in MEDICARE
 - All NEWBORN CHILDREN
 - All NEWLY TURNING 65
- CAN ENROLL IF THEY WANT TO: ~48% of the population:
 - Anyone with EMPLOYER COVERAGE, including:
 - Employees of LARGE BUSINESSES
 - Employees of SMALL BUSINESSES
 - Federal Employees (FEHBP)
 - State & Municipal Employees
 - Active Military Members (TRICARE)
 - Enrollees in the Indian Health Service











"Medicare for America" WHAT'S COVERED? (just about everything)

- Ambulatory services
- Emergency care/urgent care
- Hospitalization
- Maternity/newborn care
- Behaviorial health services
- Prescription drugs via FDA
- Rehabilitative/habilitive services
- Laboratory services
- Preventative/wellness & chronic disease management
- Pediatric services
- Dental care
- Hearing services/hearing aids
- Vision services
- Home & Community-based longterm support services
- Chiropractic services

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- Durable medical equipment
- Family Planning (including full maternity & reproductive care)
- Gender-confirming procedures
- STD/HIV screening, testing, treatment & counseling
- Dietary/nutrition counseling
- Medically necessary food/vitamins
- Nursing facilities
- Acupuncture
- Digital health therapeutics
- Telehealth
- Non-emergency medical transportation
- Care coordination
- Palliative care
- Anything else covered by any State plan

"Medicare for America" LONG-TERM SUPPORT & SERVICES

- Home health aides & homemakers
- Direct support professionals and personal attendant care services
- Hospice
- Nursing care
- Medical Social Services
- Care coordination, including case management, fiscal intermediary, and support brokerage services
- Short-term inpatient care, including respite care and care for pain control;
- Behavioral health home and community based long-term services and supports, including assertive community treatment; peer support services

- Intensive care coordination, including case management; supported employment; and supported housing wraparound
- Private-duty nursing
- Respite services provided in the individual's home or broader community
- Transitional services to support an individual's transition from an institutional setting to the community.

introduced by Reps. DeLauro & Schakowsky

Estimated "Medicare for America" Premiums & Cost Sharing based on proposed sliding scale via ACASignups.net

Household	Premiums	Maximum Out of Pocket Costs		
Income (FPL)	(% of income)	(individual)	(family)	
0 - 50%	0	\$0	\$0	
50 - 100%	0	\$0	\$0	
100 - 150%	0	\$0	\$0	
150 - 200%	0	\$0	\$0	
200 - 250%	0 - 1%	\$0 - \$400	\$0 - \$500	
250 - 300%	1 - 2%	\$400 - \$800	\$500 - \$1,000	
300 - 350%	2 - 3%	\$800 - \$1,200	\$1,000 - \$1,500	
350 - 400%	3 - 4%	\$1,200 - \$1,600	\$1,500 - \$2,000	
400 - 450%	4 - 5%	\$1,600 - \$2,000	\$2,000 - \$2,500	
450 - 500%	5 - 6%	\$2,000 - \$2,400	\$2,500 - \$3,000	
500 - 550%	6 - 7%	\$2,400 - \$2,800	\$2,500 - \$3,500	
550 - 600%	7 - 8%	\$2,800 - \$3,500	\$3,500 - \$5,000	
over 600%	8%	\$3,500	\$5,000	

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Single	30-Ye	ar Old	Adult, \$2	25,000/ye	ar incom	е
System	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Deductible	Maximum Out of Pocket	Worst-Case Scenario	Caveats?
Current ACA:	\$140	\$1,680	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$6,680*	*(only if in network)
Medicare for America:	\$5	\$60	n/a	\$100	\$160	no matter what
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Single 40-Year Old Adult, \$40,000/year income						
System	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Deductible	Maximum Out of Pocket	Worst-Case Scenario	Caveats?
Current ACA:	\$328	\$3,936	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$11,836*	*(only if in network)
Medicare for America:	\$81	\$972	n/a	\$1,200	\$2,172	no matter what
Single 50-Year Old Adult, \$60,000/year income						
System	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium		Maximum Out of Pocket		Caveats?
Current ACA:	\$592	\$7,104	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$15,004*	*(only if in network)
Medicare for America:	\$280	\$3,360	n/a	\$2,800	\$6,160	no matter what
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Single 60-Year Old Adult, \$90,000/year income						
System	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Deductible	Maximum Out of Pocket	Worst-Case Scenario	Caveats?
Current ACA:	\$898	\$10,776	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$18,676*	*(only if in network)
Medicare for America:	\$600	\$7,200	n/a	\$3,500	\$10,700	no matter what

ACA costs based on avg. 2019 ACA-compliant Individual Market Premiums & Deductibles via HealthPocket data.

WHAT ABOUT EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE?

- LARGE EMPLOYERS (>100 employees) HAVE A CHOICE:
 - A. Provide QUALITY PRIVATE INSURANCE for their employees (must be Gold-level or higher w/vision, dental & hearing: 80% AV w/employer covering at least 70% of premiums, including for their family); OR
 - B. Shift employees over to Medicare for America & pay a flat 8% payroll tax
- SMALL EMPLOYERS (<100 employees) HAVE A CHOICE:
 - A. Provide QUALITY health insurance for their employees (must be Gold-level or higher w/vision, dental & hearing: 80% AV w/employer covering at least 70% of premiums, including for their family); or
 - B. Shift employees over to Medicare for America
 - If an individual employee wants to move to Med4America, they can do so
 & their employer has to continue to pay the same amount they were
 before; employee pays LESSER of what they were or Med4America rates

WHAT ABOUT MEDICARE ADVANTAGE?

- Individuals will have the option to enroll in a Medicare Advantage for America plan
- These plans will need to charge a separate premium if they cover additional benefits.
- Medicare Advantage plans would also pay Medicare for America rates for benefits and services.
- Includes Medicare Advantage Bill of Rights, which would prohibit plans from dropping providers during the middle of the plan year w/out cause & improves notice to plan enrollees about annual changes to provider networks
- Federal gov't pays MA admin 95% of costs; it's up to MA admin to decide what additional benefits to offer & how much more to charge.

"Medicare for America"

HOW IS IT PAID FOR?

- Sunset the 2017 Tax Bill
- Add a 5% surtax on AGI over \$500K/yr
- Increase Medicare payroll tax on income over \$200K (\$250K)/yr (from 0.9% to 4.0% over those amounts)
- Increase Net Investment tax on income over \$200K (\$250K)/year (from 3.8% to 6.9% over those amounts)
- Increase excise taxes on all tobacco, alcohol & sugary drink products
- States would continue to make maintenance of effort payments equal to their existing Medicaid/CHIP funding, adjusted to account for whether they've expanded Medicaid under the ACA or not

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OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

- ABORTION WOULD BE COVERED (along w/complete reproductive/ maternity care). The Hyde Amendment "shall not apply".
- UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS are covered ("a resident of the United States or a territory of the United States")
- PROHIBITION AGAINST STEP THERAPY & Prior Authorization
- CURRENT MEDICARE ENROLLEES WOULD PAY CURRENT
 PREMIUMS (i.e., they pay the lesser of Med4Am rates or existing Medicare rates)
- MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS: Doctors, nurses, direct care workers, therapists, PAs, pharmacists, dentists etc. will have 10% of their student loan debt forgiven for each year they participate in Medicare for America

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OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES: Based on existing Medicare/Medicaid but higher for some services (at least 110% for hospital inpatient/outpatient; higher for underserved areas; at least 130% for primary care, mental & behavioral health services)
- ALLOWS HHS TO NEGOTIATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES
- No Balance Billing/Surprise Billing
- No Private Contracting
- Mental Health Parity Requirement
- SAFE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS for hospitals (must have a strictlydefined adequate number of nurses, orderlies, etc. per patient)
- Eliminates State Medicaid waiting lists
- Eliminates 2-year SSDI Medicare waiting list



Medicare For All

Sen. Sanders



14 Co-sponsors for S. 1129

Warren Merkley

Harris Leahy

Gillibrand Markey

Booker Schatz

Baldwin Whitehouse

Blumenthal Udall

Heinrich Hirono

Rep. Jayapal



114 Co-sponsors for HR. 1384

- 48% of House Dems (and growing)
- Some differences but LOTS of overlap

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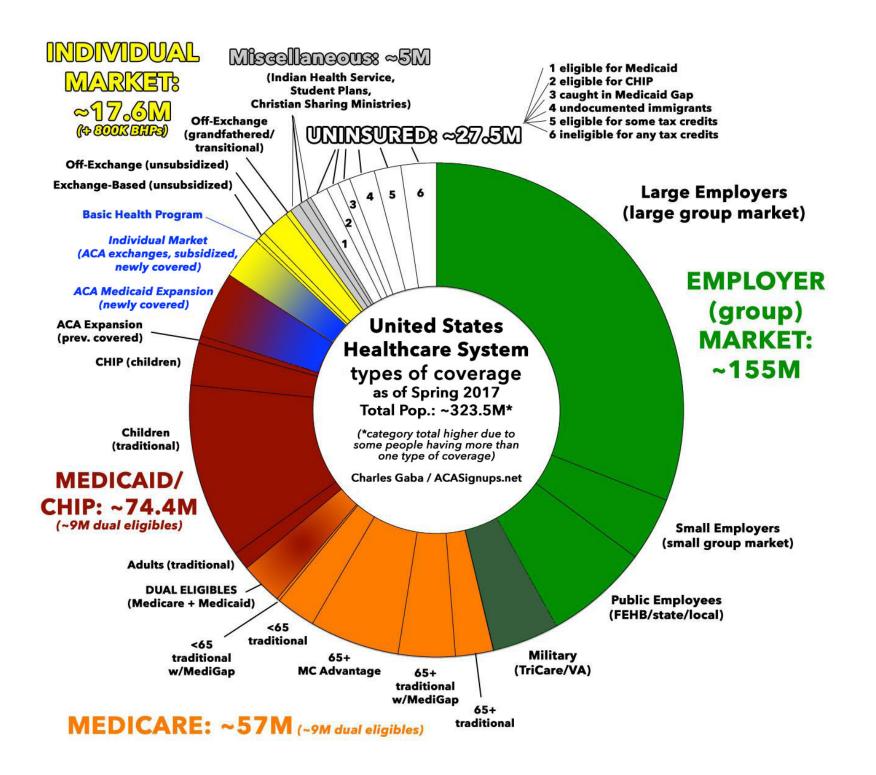
- Covers all US residents
- Transitions current Medicare, Medicaid/CHIP, FEHB into MFA.
 - VA & IHS continue as is.
- HR.1384 timeline:
 - Year 1: enroll everyone under 19 and over 55
 - Year 2: everyone else

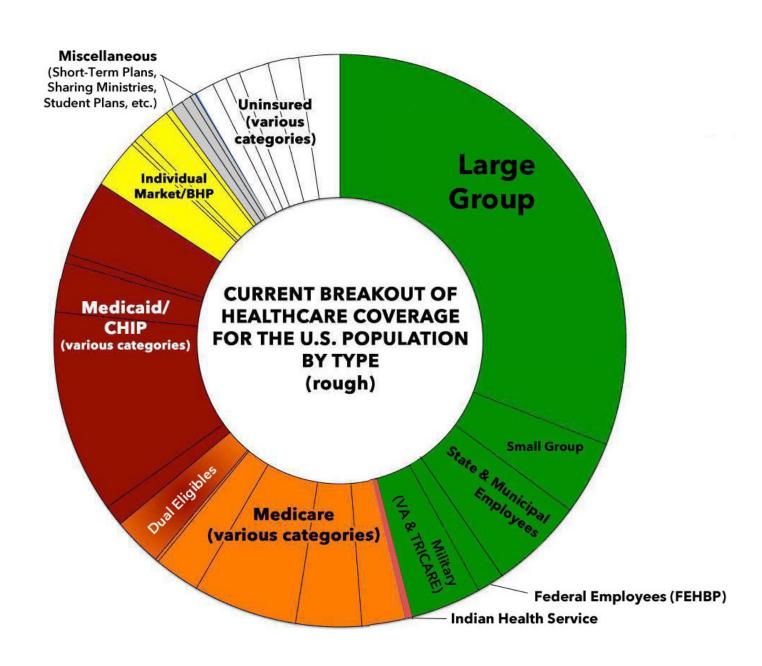
- S.1129 timeline:
 - Year 1: Medicare eligibility
 age lowered to 55
 - everyone under age 19 can also enroll.
 - workers can buy in.
 - Year 2: eligibility age = 45
 - Year 3: eligibility age = 35
 - Year 4: every US resident auto-enrolled

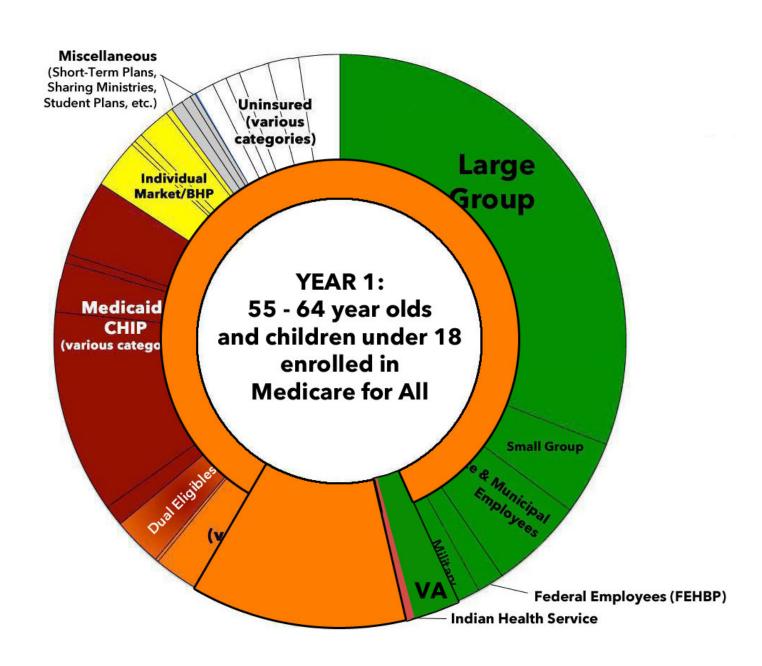
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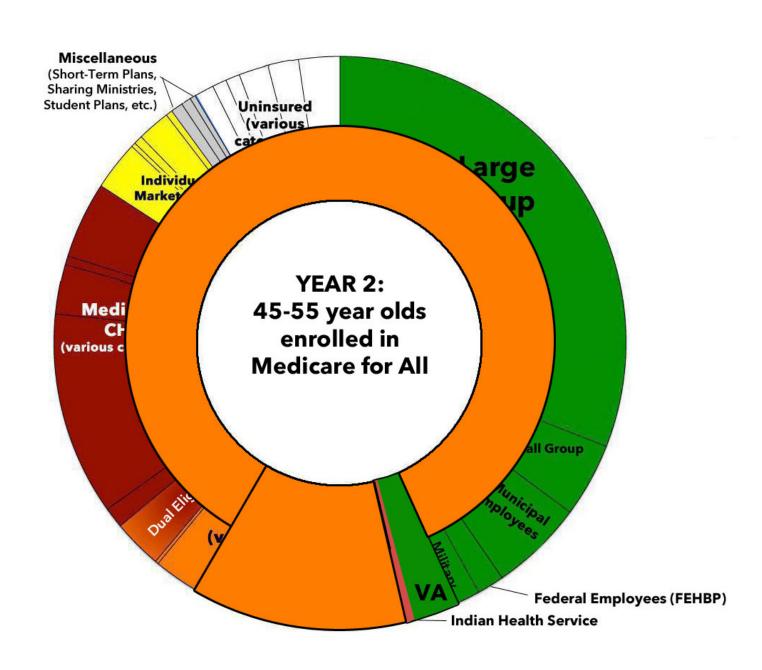
- Upgrades Medicare to cover comprehensive benefits:
 - all of the ACA's essential benefits
 - abortion & repro health
 - dental, vision, & hearing
 - long-term services & supports (home and community-based)
 - states can add benefits

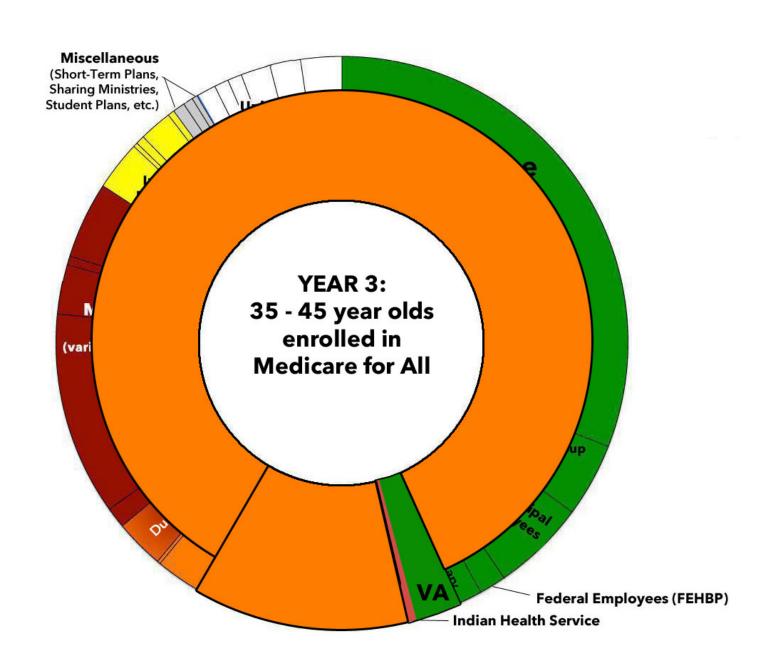
- Paying hospitals & doctors:
 - HR.1384 sets global budgets
 - S.1129 sets payment rates
- Medicare would negotiate prices for drugs & devices.
- Eliminates nearly all out-ofpocket expenses
 - No deductibles or copays for medical services.
 - Limited copays for rx drugs to encourage use of generics.

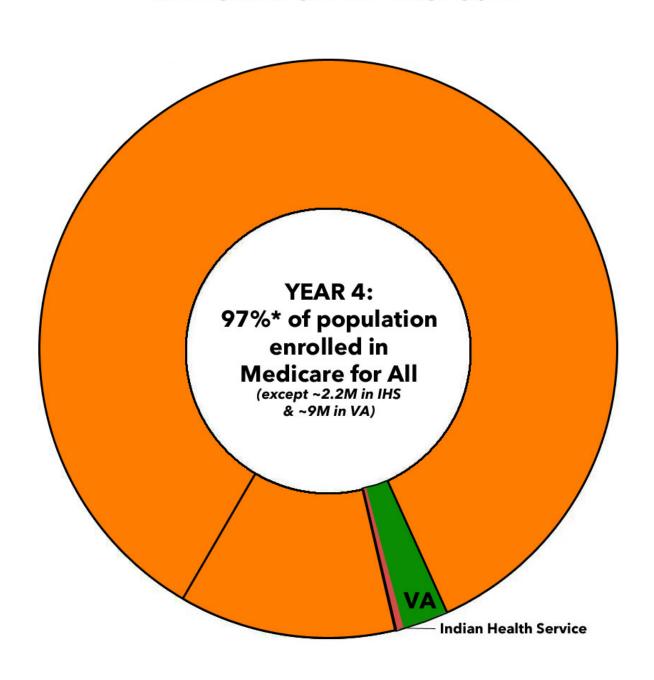


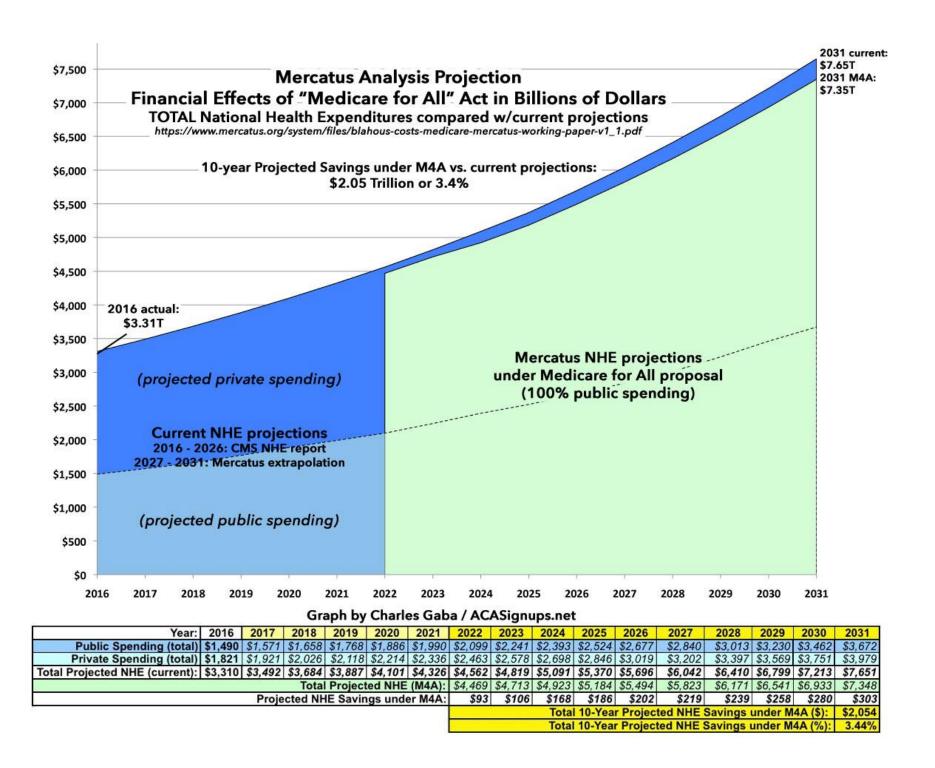


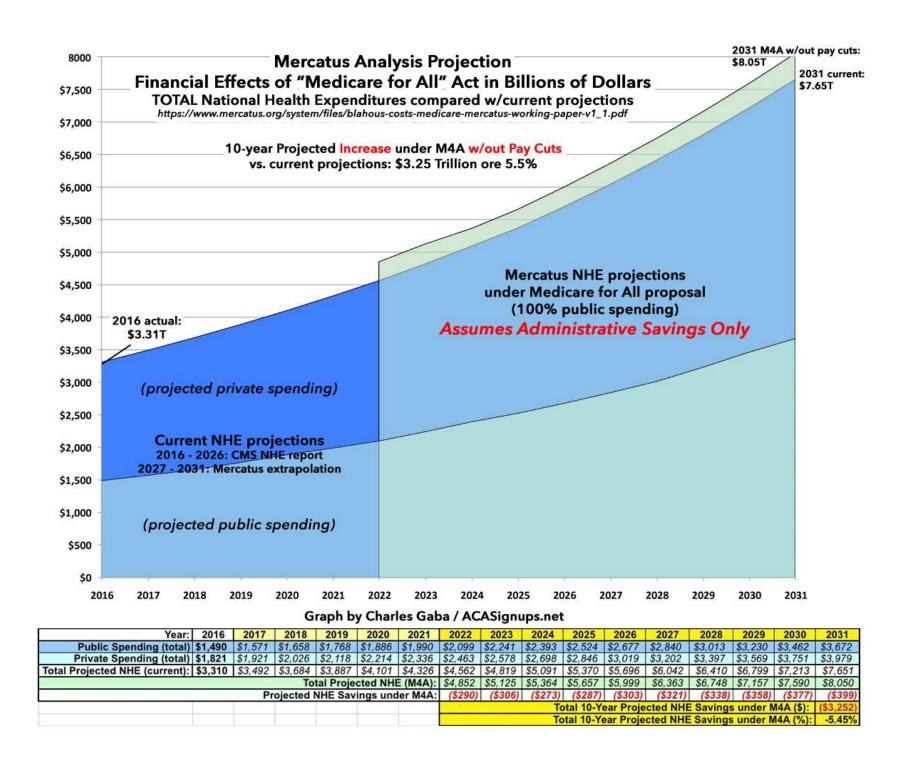






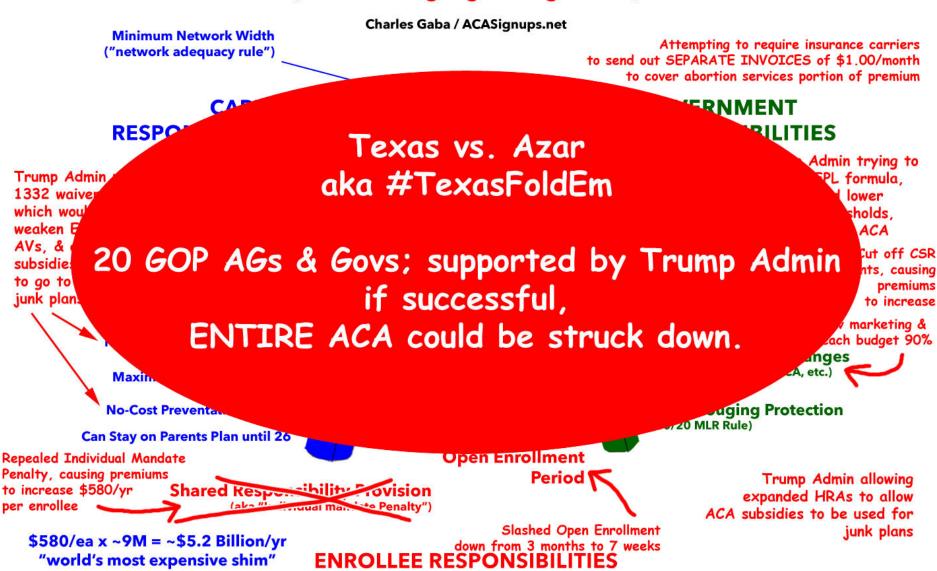






THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S THREE-LEGGED STOOL

(Additional Ongoing Sabotage Efforts)



If Texas vs. Azar (TXvUS) is ultimately successful & the ACA is completely struck down...

Medicaid expansion for over 16 million people?

GONE.

Premium subsidies for over 9 million people?

GONE.

Cost Sharing subsidies for over 7 million people?

GONE.

Basic Health Plan coverage for 800,000 in Minnesota & New York?

GONE.

Discrimination against up to 130 million w/pre-existing conditions?

BACK.

Charging women more for the same policy due to their gender?

BACK.

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Charging older people 5 to 6 times as much as younger people?

BACK.

Policies required to cover a minimum of 60% of medical expenses?

GONE.

Policies required to cover maternity care & mental health services?

GONE.

Adult children allowed to stay on their parents plans until age 26? **GONE.**

Annual and lifetime limits on healthcare coverage claims?

BACK.

Policies required to cover preventative services at no out-of-pocket cost?

GONE.

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Tax credits to reduce premiums for low/moderate-income enrollees?

GONE.

Financial help to reduce out-of-pocket expenses for low-income enrollees? **GONE.**

Hard maximum cap on in-network out-of-pocket expenses? **GONE.**

Closure of Medicare Part D prescription drug "donut hole"?

REOPENED.

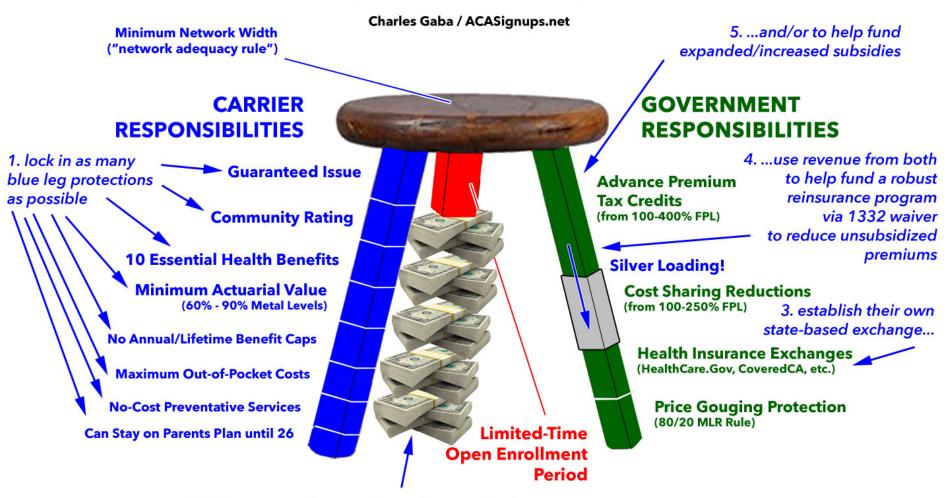
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.

Texas vs. Azar CALL TO ACTION: What can YOU do, NOW?

- You can't do much about how the courts rule.
 HOWEVER, there's two things you CAN do:
- 1. DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE to elect Democrats up & down the ticket in 2019 & 2020 (duh!)
- 2. LOBBY YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES, STATE
 SENATORS & GOVERNORS to REPLICATE as many of
 the ACA's protections/provisions at the state level as
 possible, including...

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S THREE-LEGGED STOOL

(WHAT CAN STATES DO?)



2. initiate a mandate penalty at the state level...

ENROLLEE RESPONSIBILITIES

How much has YOUR state done to protect/improve the ACA?

- California: 12 measures enacted
- New Jersey: 9 measures enacted
- Massachusetts: 17 measures enacted
- Rhode Island: 7 measures enacted
- Connecticut: 12 measures enacted
- New York: 16 measures enacted
- Washington State: 18 measures enacted
- Colorado: 13 measures enacted
- Vermont: 14 measures enacted
- New Mexico: 10 measures enacted
- Washington, DC: 11 measures enacted
- Maryland: 11 measures enacted
- Minnesota: 11 measures enacted
- Nevada: 10 measures enacted



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Sorting Out ACA 2.0, MFA, MED4AM & More!

Where: Room 118c

When: Friday, July 12th, 4:30 PM

Who: Laura Packard

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