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Jayapal (D-WA) and the House Progressive Caucus's <b>Medicare-for-all bill</b>		$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Sanders's Medicare-for-all bill	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\times$		
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Stabenow (D-MI) Medicare-at-50 bill	$\times$			$\times$	
The Urban Institute's Healthy America proposal	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
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#### <sup>Figure 4</sup> Public's Attitudes On Proposals To Expand Medicare and Medicaid

Strongly favor

Somewhat favor

Somewhat oppose

□ Strongly oppose

#### Medicare at 50+ (Sen. Stabenow's plan): 77% approval

Allowing people between the ages of 50 and 64 to buy health insurance through Medicare



#### Medicaid buy-in (Sen. Schatz's plan): 75% approval

Allowing people who don't get health insurance at work to buy health insurance through their state Medicaid program instead of purchasing a private plan



#### Medicare for America (Reps DeLauro & Schakowsky's plan); 73% approval

Creating a national government administered health plan similar to Medicare open to anyone, but would allow people to keep the coverage they have

#### Medicare for All ("Pure" Single Payer) (Sen. Sanders/Rep. Jayapal's plan): 56% approval



SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted January 9-14, 2019). See topline for full question wording and response options.

#### (poll is from January, but MfA approval identical as of April)

Figure 5

# Majorities Across Partisans Favor Medicare Buy-In And Medicaid Buy-In

Percent who say they favor the following health care proposals:



(poll is from January, but MfA approval identical as of April)

introduced by Reps. DeLauro & Schakowsky both are members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus; Rep. Schakowsky also a cosponsor of House Medicare for All bill



### "Medicare for America" WHO'S COVERED?

- ENROLLED AUTOMATICALLY: ~50% 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: ~50% 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











### Transition Timeline: #MFA vs. #Med4Am

Population (estimate)	Current Coverage	Medicare for All	Medicare for America	
~55 million	Currently on Medicare	Mandatory Transition starting in 1st year	Mandatory Transition in 3rd year; option to keep paying current rates	
~65.9 million	Currently on Medicaid	Mandatory Transition over 2 or 4 years	Mandatory Transition in 5th year	
~10.8 million*	Currently Dual Eligible	over 2 or 4 years	Mandatory Transition in 5th year	
~6.6 million	Currently on CHIP	over 2 or 4 years	Mandatory Transition in 5th year	
~8 million	FEHBP	Mandatory Transition over 2 or 4 years	No Change; Switching optional	
~2.2 million	Indian Health Service	No Change	No Change; Switching optional starting in 3rd year	
~9.4 million*	TRICARE	Mandatory Transition over 2 or 4 years	No Change; Switching optional starting in 3rd year	
~9.1 million*	Veterans Administration	No Change	No Change	
~21 million	Small Business/ State & Municipal	Mandatory Transition over 2 or 4 years	Gold+ only starting in 3rd year; Switching optional starting in 3rd year	
~105 million	Large Business	Mandatory Transition over 2 or 4 years	Gold+ only starting in 3rd year; Switching optional starting in 7th year	
~13 million	ACA Individual Market	Mandatory Transition over 2 or 4 years	Optional ACA-level plans for 2 yrs; Mandatory Transition to full plan in 3rd yea	
~4 million	Non-ACA Individual Market	Mandatory Transition over 2 or 4 years	Optional ACA-level plans for 2 yrs; Mandatory Transition to full plan in 3rd yea	
~30 million	Currently Uninsured	Mandatory Transition	Optional ACA-level plans for 2 yrs; Mandatory Transition to full plan in 3rd yea	
n/a	Newborn Babies	Autoenrolled starting in 1st year	Optional ACA-level plans for 2 yrs; Autoenrolled starting in 3rd yr	
n/a	Newly Turned 65	Autoenrolled starting in 1st year		

### "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.

based on proposed sliding scale via ACASignups.net					
Household	Premiums	Maximum Out of Pocket Costs			
Income (FPL)	(% of income)	(individual)	(family)		
0 - 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	\$3,000 - \$3,500		
550 - 600%	7 - 8%	\$2,800 - \$3,500	\$3,500 - \$5,000		
600% +	8%	\$3.,500	\$5,000		

#### Sample Out of Pocket Expenses under ACA, ACA 2.0 & Med4America

Single 30-Ye	ar Old	Adult,	\$25,000	/year inco	ome		
System	Monthly Premium	Annual		Maximum Out of Pocket			
Current ACA:	\$140	\$1,680	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$6,680		
ACA 2.0:	\$85	\$1,020	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$6,020		
Medicare for America:	\$5	\$60	n/a	\$100	\$160		
Single 40-Year Old Adult, \$40,000/year income							
System	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Deductible	Maximum Out of Pocket	Worst-Case Scenario		
Current ACA:	\$328	\$3,936	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$11,836		
ACA 2.0:	\$255	\$3,060	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$10,960		
Medicare for America:	\$81	\$972	n/a	\$1,200	\$2,172		
Single 50-Ye	Single 50-Year Old Adult, \$60,000/year income						
System	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Deductible	Maximum Out of Pocket	Worst-Case Scenario		
Current ACA:	\$592	\$7,104	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$15,004		
ACA 2.0:	\$420	\$5,040	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$12,940		
Medicare for America:	\$280	\$3,360	n/a	\$2,800	\$6,160		
Single 60-Year Old Adult, \$90,000/year income							
System	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Deductible	Maximum Out of Pocket	Worst-Case Scenario		
Current ACA:	\$898	\$10,776	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$18,676		
ACA 2.0:	\$637	\$7,644	\$4,000	\$7,900	\$15,544		
Medicare for America:	\$600	\$7,200	n/a	\$3,500	\$10,700		

ACA & ACA 2.0 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 health insurance for their employees (must be Goldlevel 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 Goldlevel 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" OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

- **ABORTION** (& complete reproductive/maternity care) IS COVERED. 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 be grandfathered in re. premiums (i.e., they pay the lesser of Med4Am rates or existing Medicare rates)
- MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM: 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

### "Medicare for America" 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 strictly-defined adequate number of nurses, orderlies, etc. per patient)
- Eliminates State Medicaid waiting lists
- Eliminates 2-year SSDI Medicare waiting list

#### 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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#### ACA THREE-LEGGED STOOL ORIGINAL CONCEPT (IDEAL)



#### ACA THREE-LEGGED STOOL (ACTUAL, thru 2017)

- Subsidies not generous enough & most importantly, cut off at 400% FPL income threshold
- Mandate penalty not stringent enough to be fully effective



#### **OCTOBER 2017: TRUMP CUTS OFF CSR REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS**



RESPONSIBILITY (red leg)

#### SILVER LOADING/SILVER SWITCHING:

Carriers, Regulators & State Exchanges come up with a clever workaround which MOSTLY mitigates CSR cut-off; SUBSIDIZED enrollees see either no impact OR are actually BETTER off; UNSUBSIDIZED enrollees are either the same or WORSE off.



ENROLLEE RESPONSIBILITY (red leg)

DECEMBER 2017: Congressional Republicans formally REPEAL INDIVIDUAL MANDATE, effective January 2019; Massachusetts, New Jersey & District of Columbia uneffected due to either already having mandate or reinstating it.



CURRENT SITUATION: With Individual Mandate repealed effective 2019, premiums in most states are expected to be roughly 9-10% higher than they would be otherwise, which means:

- UNSUBSIDIZED enrollees will be paying ~\$600 more apiece next year than they otherwise would be\*
- SUBSIDIZED enrollees won't be impacted...but fed. spending will INCREASE by billions to cover the diff.

\*(~\$300 more apiece in Michigan)





IF the #TexasFoldEm plaintiffs win their case AND they win it at the Supreme Court level as well, THE ENTIRE ACA WOULD BE DISSOLVED, meaning...

- NO protections for 130 million with pre-existing conditions
- NO requirements that plans cover essential health benefits
- NO requirements that plans have any minimum coverage
- NOTHING preventing maximum annual/lifetime coverage caps
- NO financial assistance
- NO cap on out-of-pocket costs
  NO parents plan coverage for
- NO limits on price gouging

NO Medicaid coverage for ~15M

young adults up to 26

#### removed from House version; it's complicated

- Restore CSR reimbursement payments
- Fix the ACA's "Family Glitch"
- Remove the 400% FPL income APTC subsidy cap
- Beef up the APTC subsidy formula
- Raise the 250% FPL income CSR cap
  removed from House version; it's complicated
- Beef up the CSR subsidy formula
- Fix/improve the ACA's "Silver Spam" loophole
- Improve the ACA's "standardized plan" provision
- Restore HealthCare.Gov's slashed marketing/advertising budget to pre-Trump levels
- Restore HealthCare.Gov's slashed navigator/outreach budget to pre-Trump levels
- "Further codify" Essential Health Benefit regulations being weakened by Trump's HHS Dept.
- Restore Short-Term and Association Health Plan regulations to pre-Trump standards

### BOTH THE HOUSE & SENATE ACA 2.0 BILLS WOULD...
In addition the House version would...

- Reinstate the ACA's national reinsurance program (it lasted 3 years originally, sunsetting at the end of 2016)
- Add additional funding for state-level innovation programs
- Restore federal funding to help states move off of HC.gov onto their own state-based exchanges
- Audit HealthCare.Gov to see just how they're using the exchange user fees

The Senate version would also...

- Tie Medicare Advantage contracts to ACA exchange participation
- Institute a \$250/month cap on prescription drug costs for enrollees
- Bump up the Medical Loss Ratio from 80% to 85% for indy/sm grp markets
- Stop "bait-n-switch" of drug formularies in the middle of the year
- Allow people to switch plans mid-year if their carrier cuts off their treatment
- Require ample enrollee notification if a carrier changes their network mid-yr
- Grant HHS the authority to veto excessive rate hikes (beyond states)
- Tighten up network adequacy requirements
- Make it easier for enrollees to opt out of auto-renewal
- Eliminate the 50% smoker premium surcharge
- Require more prominent insurance policy information
- Outlaw "surprise" and "balance billing"

# THE DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CHARACTER ATTRIBUTE GUIDE TO HEALTHCARE COVERAGE TERMINOLOGY:

- SP (Single Payer): HOW are the doctors/hospitals paid?
- UC (Universal Coverage): How MANY people are covered?
- AV (Actuarial Value): What PERCENT of expenses are covered?
- CC (Comprehensive Care): What's the SCOPE of coverage?
- NS (Network Size): WHICH doctors/hospitals are included?
- RS (Rate Setting): How is PRICING of services determined?
- SM (Socialized Medicine): Who EMPLOYS the docs/hospitals?



#### What people THINK the U.S. Healthcare coverage landscape would look like under the Bernie Sanders/Pramila Jayapal "Medicare for All" bill:



ACTUAL U.S. Healthcare coverage landscape under the Bernie Sanders/Pramila Jayapal "Medicare for All" bill:















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Year:	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
Public Spending (total)	\$1,490	\$1,571	\$1,658	\$1,768	\$1,886	\$1,990	\$2,099	\$2,241	\$2,393	\$2,524	\$2,677	\$2,840	\$3,013	\$3,230	\$3,462	\$3,672	
Private Spending (total)													\$3,397	\$3,569	\$3,751	\$3,979	
Total Projected NHE (current):	\$3,310	\$3,492	\$3,684	\$3,887	\$4,101	\$4,326	\$4,562	\$4,819	\$5,091	\$5,370	\$5,696	\$6,042	\$6,410	\$6,799	\$7,213	\$7,651	
Total Projected NHE (M4A):								\$4,713	\$4,923	\$5,184	\$5,494	\$5,823	\$6,171	\$6,541	\$6,933	\$7,348	
Projected NHE Savings under M4A:							\$93	\$106	\$168	\$186	\$202	\$219	\$239	\$258	\$280	\$303	
9 7						1	Total 10-Year Projected NHE Savings under M4A (\$): \$2										
Total 10-Year Projected NHE Savings und											under M	4A (%):	3.44%				



Year:	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		
Public Spending (total)																		
Private Spending (total)	\$1,821	\$1,921	\$2,026	\$2,118	\$2,214	\$2,336	\$2,463	\$2,578	\$2,698	\$2,846	\$3,019	\$3,202	\$3,397	\$3,569	\$3,751	\$3,979		
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Total Projected NHE (M4A):								\$5,125	\$5,364	\$5,657	\$5,999	\$6,363	\$6,748	\$7,157	\$7,590	\$8,050		
Projected NHE Savings under M4A:								(\$306)	(\$273)	(\$287)	(\$303)	(\$321)	(\$338)	(\$358)	(\$377)	(\$399)		
					1910e		Total 10-Year Projected NHE Savings under M4A (\$): (\$3,252)											
							Total 10-Year Projected NHE Savings under M4A (%): -5.45%											