



Healthcare Financing Reform

SUPPORT Healthcare Financing Reform

Every day, nurses see the effects of a broken healthcare financing system. Patients come into the hospitals sicker and sicker. Why? Because they're forgoing preventative care, not filling prescriptions, and allowing conditions to progress to advance stages. For some, it's because they don't have coverage, can't afford the deductibles, or can't afford the drugs.

Nurses don't care about your insurance card or your credit card—the only card they're interested in is your get-well card. Nurses support healthcare financing reform that removes the financial incentives from healthcare and brings healthcare decisions back to patients and their healthcare providers, not insurance companies.

Minnesota's registered nurses are advocating for a publicly-financed but still privately-delivered healthcare system. The state pays the bills. Your doctor still takes care of you. Everybody in and nobody out. Care is guaranteed for life. The universal healthcare system also means being able to control the skyrocketing costs of healthcare. We can negotiate the prices of pharmaceutical drugs, chronic care management, routine procedures, and long-term care and by instituting smart reforms that manage costs and improve patient outcomes.

Talking Points for the Bill:

- *Healthcare should be a **basic right** for every Minnesotan; a universal system ensures every Minnesotan gets that right.*
- ***Insurance companies have too much control** over what should be personal healthcare decisions from which doctors we see to what hospitals we can go to.*
- ***Insurance companies** continue to strip down policies, maintain restrictive networks, limit and deny care, and increase patients' co-pays, deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs **in order to increase their profits.***
- *A universal healthcare system will provide **healthcare to all Minnesotans** and put **Minnesotans and their doctors back in control** of their healthcare.*