



Federal RX and Health Care 2019

CCAG UNPACKS NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

The following seek to transform our broken health care and prescription drug system and policies

The good news: most proposals will make a difference in people's lives, either through expanding coverage, reducing costs or increasing access to life saving drugs and treatments. But which of the various health care & RX proposals are best for all Americans, and have a chance of getting passed?

We want to break it down for you.

There are currently nine legislative proposals seeking to transform or reform the US health care system. All of the proposals expand coverage for Americans.

- **Two of these proposals (Rep. Pramila Jayapal and Senator Bernie Sanders) Medicare for All bills-** are "single payer" proposals that eliminate the private health insurance market, provide health insurance to **all** Americans, and create tax structures to pay for this coverage.
- **Representatives Rosa Delauro and Jan Shakowsky are sponsoring an alternative strategy for full coverage of all Americans- Medicare for America** that proposes a mix of public and private insurance coverage in the short-term, with the long term goal of covering all Americans (and eventually eliminating the need for private insurance coverage) through an automatic enrollment mechanism for all children born following the date of the bill's passage.
- **All of the remaining proposed bills increase health care coverage for Americans, but not fully.** While they all increase government's power to regulate health care, they all sustain a role for private insurance- and require some form of buy-in provisions.

For a deeper analysis and details of these 3 bills- along with the remaining 6 proposals visit Medicare for All Explained at this address: <https://bit.ly/2UOD0Zo>

RX PROPOSALS

Currently, there are 3 RX Drug Proposals that CCAG is monitoring

Speaker Nancy Pelosi has introduced a bill that will allow Medicaid to negotiate prices with big Pharma; a long sought after power that will substantially lower US prescription drug costs.

- Included is a provision for the General Accounting Office to step in and be the "decider" if a price agreement is not reached. If the drug company does not comply with the negotiated sale of the drugs, they would be subject to a 50% excise tax on the sale of that drug.

There are two other bills: Rep. Ro Khanna/Sen. Sanders bill and Rep. Doggett /Sen. Brown bill.

- Both allow Medicaid to negotiate prices, but include additional mechanisms that control Big Pharma's power.
- In particular, the Doggett bill includes a provision that if drug companies do not negotiate with HHS in good faith, HHS is empowered to issue licenses to competitors who could then produce the same drug as generic, thereby eliminating the monopoly on that particular drug.

For a deep analysis and overview of the RX bills please visit: <https://bit.ly/2INNIwF>

Moving forward, CCAG will be monitoring all federal legislation, weighing in with allies and conducting continued analysis as these bills continue to develop. We look forward to your input! Thank you for supporting this work.

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