

# Where Is California Single Payer in 2019?

Politics, History, and Grizzly Bears...

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# Who Is *Enact Universal Healthcare for California*?

Founded in the two weeks after the November 2016 election as a Facebook page.

And then... people started signing up.

Today, 113,000 Californians and growing.

EUHC4CA is the largest single payer universal healthcare organization. No other single-issue single payer organization has more supporters in California.

EUHC4CA advocates for single payer universal healthcare *for California*.



# What \*Is\* Single Payer Universal Healthcare?

## Single Payer

“of, relating to, or being a system in which health-care providers are paid for their services by the government rather than by private insurers” *Merriam-Webster*

## Universal Healthcare

“Universal health coverage (UHC) means that all people and communities can use the promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that the use of these services does not expose the user to financial hardship.” *WHO*

# Spoiler Alert! The Opposition Has Already Won

None of us knew what we'd done.

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) - Gerald Ford

Proposition 13 (1978) - Howard Jarvis, Paul Gann

Proposition 4 (1979) - Howard Jarvis, Paul Gann, Jerry Brown

Proposition 98 (1988) - California Teachers Association

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid\*

No, we didn't forget about cost

**\$400 billion...**

**Is What We Already Pay**

California becomes the primary insurer. Medicaid & Medicare are single payer, but SPUHC would make coverage universal. Premiums would go to the state/federal government.

# Well, @#%&, Now What?

State Constitutional Amendment - Healthcare exemption from SAL/Gann Limit/Prop 98

CMS Waivers - Even leaving Medicare completely untouched, an effective expansion of Medicaid to the size needed will hit limits of credibility

Price Controls - *Every* UHC country has price controls

AB-3087 was opposed by healthcare providers and devolved into insults about the author's name

ERISA - Self-insured employer health coverage cannot be touched, and these companies cannot be taxed for healthcare coverage



# The Single Payer Planning Commission

Introduced as AB-2517 by Assemblymembers Jim Wood & Joaquin Arambula

Passed by the Assembly

Inserted as part of AB-1810, California's State Budget, and allocated \$5 million, by none other than Governor Jerry Brown

Five citizen appointees: 1x Senate Rules, 1x Assembly Speaker, 3x Governor

Starts January 1st, 2019

We accept your apology, Jerry

# 41 Million People Underinsured Nationwide

*Twenty-eight percent of working-age adults in the United States who had health insurance all year were underinsured in 2016, up from 23 percent in 2014, according to a 2017 Commonwealth Fund report. More than half of the underinsured (52%) had medical bill problems and 45 percent went without needed health care because of cost. More than half (56%) of the estimated 41 million adults who are underinsured get their coverage through an employer.*

*How Well Does Insurance Coverage Protect Consumers from Health Care Costs?*, which is based on findings from the Commonwealth Fund 2016 Biennial Health Insurance Survey, finds that people with all types of health insurance can be underinsured:

- About one-quarter (24%) of people with employer plans and more than two of five (44%) with individual or marketplace plans were underinsured in 2016, as were nearly half (47%) of disabled Medicare beneficiaries under age 65.
- People with low incomes were the most likely to lack adequate cost protections; they account for 61 percent of the 41 million underinsured. More than one-third of people who are sick and have high health care costs are underinsured as well.
- Workers in companies with **100 or more employees saw one of the sharpest increases in the underinsured rate**. Twenty-two percent of workers in large firms are now underinsured, up from 8 percent in 2003.

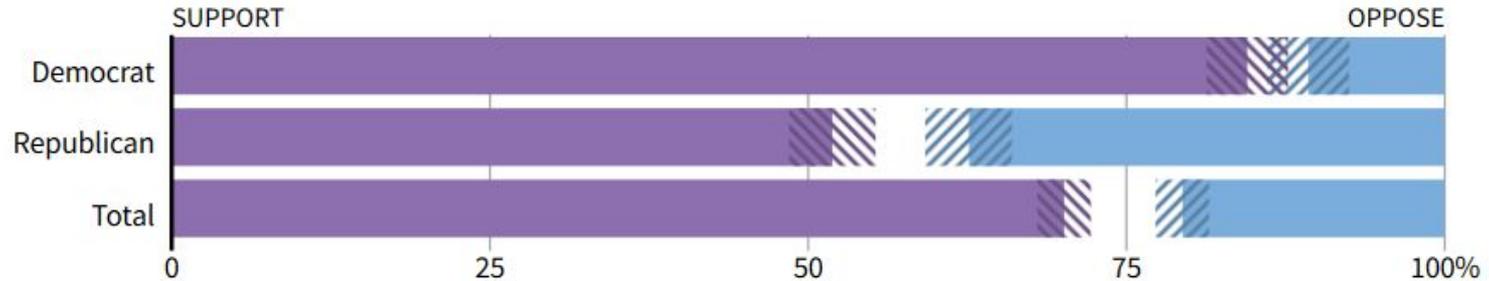
# 52% Of Republicans Support Single Payer

Reuters/Ipsos, August 2018

## Would you support or oppose the following?

### A POLICY OF MEDICARE FOR ALL?

(When it comes to the U.S. healthcare system)



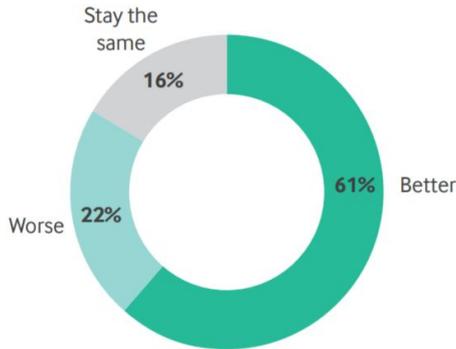
70% Everyone, 85% Democrat

# 61% of Hospitals, Doctors, & Clinics Support Single Payer

NEJM-Catalyst  
2018

Single-Payer Health Care Would Have a Positive Effect on Value-Based Care

Would the ability to provide value-based care get better, worse, or stay the same under single-payer health care?



Base = 607

NEJM Catalyst ([catalyst.nejm.org](http://catalyst.nejm.org)) © Massachusetts Medical Society

# Where Do We Go From Here?

With no budget, we've already convinced the People.

With no budget, we've already convinced the actual medical providers.

What we need is for provider groups to shift from “NO” or “Too Hard” to “Let’s figure out a way to make single payer universal healthcare work.”

Because, with all due respect, if all we get is “NO,” then despite our best efforts, you may end up with a non-optimal outcome you can’t easily change.

We want to work with you. Come work with us.

Thank you.

