Missouri Health Care for All

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The following statement was approved by the Missouri Health Care for All Board of Directors on March 19, 2019.
Missouri Health Care for All envisions a state where all Missourians can access quality, affordable health care, no matter where they live, how much money they make, or who they are.

We work with supporters across the state to defend programs and protections that are currently helping Missourians access care.
We champion small and large improvements to our current health care system, including covering people who are uninsured, lowering costs, and making sure people have access to doctors who take their insurance.
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After more than a decade of working for change, and after talking with thousands of Missourians who still can’t get the care they need, we also believe that these incremental improvements will never be enough to truly guarantee care for every person.

The U.S. has some of the best doctors in the world, but we need a fundamentally transformed health care system that allows every American to benefit.
While there are several ways to provide universal care, we believe the best model for the United States would be to build upon Medicare’s long-standing history of success.

Our nation should improve Medicare and expand it to everyone across the country. Medicare for All is the most prudent, simplest, and proudly American solution to our health care crisis.
Missouri Health Care for All will evaluate all proposals for a transformed health care system according to the following six Pillars.
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One Integrated System.
Everyone in the country should be automatically covered under the same system. This includes all children, adults, and seniors, and particularly includes elected officials. If members of Congress are in the same program, it will be a lot harder for them to damage it.
Freedom to Choose Your Health Care Provider.

Restrictive provider networks keep people from getting care. Everyone should have the personal freedom to control their own health care decisions and seek care from any doctor, hospital, or health care professional.
No Cost Barriers to Care.

Individual out-of-pocket costs for care — such as deductibles and copays — should be eliminated or minimal. Any cost-sharing requirements should exempt Americans for whom they would serve as a barrier to care, and they should be structured in a way that is transparent and truly affordable to the people who will be required to pay. This includes health care services as well as prescription drugs and medical devices.
Comprehensive Care.

All medically-necessary services and products must be covered. This includes, but is not limited to, office visits, hospital care, prescription drugs, medical equipment, vision, dental, hearing, mental health, services for people with disabilities, and non-emergency transportation.
Economically Prudent.

Funding should be structured so that everyone pays their fair share, and nobody is priced out of health care due to inability to pay. This can be done through a variety of publicly financed models, but the bottom line is that both families and businesses will see a positive net increase in their budgets.
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Emphasis on Community Health and Equity.

Health care systems work best when they place strong emphasis on preventive care, community health, and epidemics. Programs should be customized to fit the needs of each Missouri community, as part of a national strategy to reduce and then eliminate health disparities based on race, income, and geography.
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