

SINGLE PAYER HEALTH

How Will Single Payer Health Work?

Here are some questions and answers about what to expect if single payer health insurance becomes reality in New York. According to a report published by the Empire Center, an independent, non-partisan, non-profit think tank based in Albany, NY, taxes would need to be raised by \$92 billion to cover the cost of a state-run single payer system. Big I New York opposes efforts to establish a single payer system in New York.

| | CURRENT SYSTEM | SINGLE PAYER |
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| What plans are available? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare • Medicaid • Veterans' Administration • Workers' Compensation • Other government programs • Employer-provided benefits • Privately purchased coverage | New York Health Plan |
| Who is eligible? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The elderly or disabled • The poor • Veterans • Injured workers • Employees of firms offering benefits • Individuals who purchase coverage | All New York residents regardless of immigration status |
| What care is provided? | Varies according to plan | All office visits, tests, procedures, hospital stays, medications |
| What providers are covered? | Varies according to plan | All available providers |
| What costs are covered? | Varies according to plan | All expenses with no copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles |
| Who negotiates fees with providers | Federal government, state government, employers, private health plans | State government |
| Who manages care? | Federal government, state government, employers, private health plans | State government |
| Who pays? | Taxpayers, employers, employees, individual premium payers | Taxpayers |

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