

**SINGLE
PAYER**

Single-Payer In California Is Not The Answer

Attempts to establish a government-run, single-payer health care system in California and other states have shown that **single-payer is unworkable, massively disruptive and unaffordable.**

CALIFORNIA
TOO EXPENSIVE

\$400 Billion
Price-Tag:

Double the
State's Current
Budget



**MAJOR
TAX HIKES**

SINGLE-PAYER

**FISCAL
SHORTFALLS**

VERMONT

ESTIMATES
\$5.17 Billion

COLORADO
VOTER DEFEATED BY

78%

California lawmakers' recent attempt to pass single-payer bill SB 562 was shelved by the Assembly Speaker due to its "Fatal Flaws."

Here's why single-payer is not the answer:

**MASSIVE
DISRUPTIONS**

92%

of Californians are currently insured and would face huge disruptions like losing doctors and enduring rationed access to care.

45%

of Californians receive employer-sponsored coverage and would experience incredible disruption in their health care benefits.

**THREATENS
QUALITY OF
CARE**

LONGER
Waits

LIMITED
Specialists

**PROHIBITIVELY
EXPENSIVE**



**HUNDREDS
OF BILLIONS
TO IMPLEMENT**

**INCREASES COSTS FOR
ALL CALIFORNIANS**

The Senate analysis projects a conservative 10% rise in costs, but the reality is likely much higher.



**Government-run care
LEADS TO:**

- ▶ Inability to Negotiate Lower Prices
- ▶ Overall Cost Inflation
- ▶ No Incentive to Control Costs

For more information, please go to www.calhealthplans.org

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SINGLE-PAYER IS NOT FREE HEALTHCARE

Single-payer would require some of the **LARGEST TAX INCREASES IN STATE HISTORY.**

Single-payer proponents suggest paying for it with new sales taxes, payroll taxes, or a gross receipts tax.

THIS WOULD DEVASTATE CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY and workforce, while threatening other essential services such as education, transportation, and public safety.

Even optimistic estimates put the annual cost of single-payer at **\$400 BILLION** which is twice the entire current California state budget.

Single-payer would require **3 VOTER APPROVED** constitutional amendments.



Single-payer would **ELIMINATE MEDICARE** as it exists today for seniors in California by lumping seniors into a larger health care program run by the state.

SINGLE-PAYER FAILS IN VERMONT

In deciding to shelve a single-payer plan in 2014, former Vermont Gov. Shumlin stated that the costs of his proposed reform would be too great:

"The taxes required to replace health care premiums with a publicly financed plan that would best serve Vermont are, in a word, enormous."

A report by the Vermont Governor's office in 2014 found:

"We estimate that the total cost of the single-payer plan would be **\$4.34 billion** in 2017, with another **\$187 million** paid out-of-pocket."

\$5.17 Billion
Total cost of the program in 2021

Impact on Employers:

"Overall, as modeled, Vermont's single-payer program would increase Vermont employers' health care spending by \$109 million.

The economic shock and transition issues were too great for us to recommend that Vermont proceed with public financing."

SINGLE-PAYER FAILS IN COLORADO



21% YES vs. 78% NO

Colorado Voters Overwhelmingly Reject 2016 Single-Payer Proposal

The Non-Partisan Colorado Health Institute Found Severe Flaws & High Costs:

- ▶ System would create a **\$253 million deficit** in its first year, and an **\$8 billion deficit** going forward.
- ▶ Require a **10 percent tax** on payroll and other income.
- ▶ **\$25 billion** in new taxes in 2019, the proposed first year of the program.

Our collective energy should be dedicated to ensuring critical federal funding for our current health care system is maintained and the marketplace is stable. A state government-run, chronically underfunded single-payer health plan in California won't solve the biggest problem facing our health care system during these uncertain times - affordability.