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"National Improved Medicare for All will add more federal bureaucracy."

THE FACT

It will cut bureaucracy, not add to it. The United States already has the most bureaucratic healthcare system in the world. Bureaucracy means red tape: the paperwork, rules, and approvals that stand between you and your care. Today that red tape comes from thousands of private insurance plans. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) puts one public program in their place.

WHERE THE BUREAUCRACY IS NOW

The United States has no single program that serves everyone. Here is what it has instead.

1. **Thousands of separate plans.** In place of one program for everyone, there are thousands of different private insurance plans.
2. **Every plan works differently.** Each has its own marketing, paperwork, sign-up process, monthly premiums, and rules.
3. **People keep changing plans.** People are constantly moving in and out of private insurance plans.
4. **Money is pulled away from care.** Paperwork, overhead (the cost of running a plan), CEO salaries, profits, and denying care all take money from patients.
5. **Patients pay the price.** The result is complicated, split into pieces, and tangled in red tape. It fails patients.

WHAT H.R. 3069 WILL CHANGE

- ✓ **One program instead of thousands.** A single public program covers everyone in the United States.
- ✓ **The same benefits for everyone.** Everyone gets the same complete coverage, so there is one set of rules instead of thousands.
- ✓ **No more changing plans.** One program covers you for life, so there is no moving in and out of plans.
- ✓ **No one sorting who gets care.** When everyone is covered, it does not take a huge bureaucracy to decide who gets care and who does not.
- ✓ **Medicare already does it for less.** Medicare spends just 3% on overhead. A typical health insurance company spends 15% to 25%.
- ✓ **More money for care.** Money now lost to paperwork, CEO salaries, and profits can go to patient care instead.

THE BOTTOM LINE

National Improved Medicare for All means less bureaucracy, not more. When everyone is covered and has the same complete benefits, there is no need for thousands of insurance plans, each with its own paperwork and rules.

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