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“National Improved Medicare for All will be too big to manage.”

THE FACT

Our country already runs big national programs, and they work. Medicare, Social Security, the National Parks, and the National Highway System serve people all over the country. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) is built to be managed, with clear rules for doctors and hospitals and strong protections against fraud and abuse.

ONE CLEAR SET OF RULES

H.R. 3069 creates one national system with the same clear terms for everyone. Here is how it works.

1. **One agreement for all.** Doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare providers who take part sign an agreement to follow the program’s rules.
2. **One billing system.** Every bill is sent electronically, the same way, all across the country.
3. **One national price list.** The program sets what it pays for each service. It also reviews how doctors’ services are valued.
4. **No bills for covered care.** Doctors and hospitals in the program cannot bill patients for care that is covered.
5. **Clear rules outside the program.** Strict rules apply to services the program does not cover, and to doctors and hospitals that choose not to take part.

HOW IT GUARDS AGAINST ABUSE

- ✓ **Patients come first.** Doctors and hospitals have a duty to stand up for their patients, with no money interests getting in the way.
- ✓ **Pay is not tied to profit.** No bonuses, incentive pay, or profit-sharing based on how much care patients use or on financial results.
- ✓ **No conflicts of interest.** H.R. 3069 removes possible conflicts of interest for doctors and hospitals.
- ✓ **No profit from drugs or equipment.** Doctors and hospitals cannot profit from the services, drugs, or medical devices they provide.
- ✓ **Same fraud standards as Medicare.** It must meet the same federal and state standards on fraud and abuse.
- ✓ **Penalties for breaking the rules.** Anyone who commits fraud or abuse, or has a conflict of interest, can face fines and criminal penalties.

THE BOTTOM LINE

The United States is not too big for this. With one clear set of rules, one billing system, and strong protections against fraud and abuse, National Improved Medicare for All is built to be managed well.

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