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THE MYTH

"We should not cover undocumented immigrants or people who live here temporarily."

THE FACT

Covering everyone who lives here keeps all of us healthier and costs less. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) covers every resident of the United States, including undocumented people. Coverage is based on where you live, not on citizenship or immigration status. When everyone can see a doctor, fewer people end up in the emergency room and fewer bills go unpaid.

WHY INCLUDE ALL RESIDENTS?

Leaving people out does not save money or make anyone safer. Here is why covering everyone works.

1. **Nobody falls through the cracks.** H.R. 3069 puts everyone into one healthcare program. Leaving millions of people uninsured would leave a huge hole in the system and keep costs high.
2. **Sick people make others sick.** Stopping an outbreak takes testing, vaccines, and treatment for everyone. We learned that during COVID. Leaving any group out puts all of us at risk.
3. **Early care costs less than emergency care.** By law, emergency rooms must treat anyone whose life is in danger, whether or not they can pay. People shut out of regular care often wait until they are very sick, and that means costly emergency room visits.
4. **Healthcare is a human right.** It should not depend on legal papers. Undocumented immigrants live, work, and pay taxes in our communities, and they pay more into the system than they take out.

WHAT H.R. 3069 WILL DO

- ✓ **Cover every resident.** Everyone who lives in the United States is enrolled automatically and gets full healthcare benefits.
- ✓ **Go by where you live.** Coverage does not depend on citizenship or immigration status.
- ✓ **Open the door to regular care.** Doctor visits, preventive care, and prescription drugs for everyone, so problems are treated early.
- ✓ **Cut emergency room use.** Fewer people have to wait until a health problem becomes an emergency.
- ✓ **Shrink unpaid hospital bills.** When everyone is covered, hospitals get paid, and those costs stop falling on taxpayers.
- ✓ **Protect public health.** No group is left out of testing, vaccines, and treatment, so there are no blind spots when disease spreads.
- ✓ **Leave no one out.** No one who lives here is denied medical treatment.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Everyone's health is safer when everyone is healthy. Covering every person who lives here protects public health, lowers costs, and is the right thing to do. National Improved Medicare for All leaves no one out.

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