SINGLE PAYER DETOURS

THE DETOUR

"Tweaking the Affordable Care Act."

WHY THIS IS A DETOUR

Patching the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will not get us to care for everyone at lower cost. The ACA, passed by Congress in 2010 and also called Obamacare, sends our healthcare dollars through private insurance companies. Those companies exist to make money for their owners, not to keep us healthy. No patch can change that. Only National Improved Medicare for All (H.R. 3069) gets us there.

WHY PATCHING THE ACA IS A DEAD END

Many people who say single payer is impossible offer a list of fixes to the ACA instead. The list never ends.

1. **Endless patches.** Close the gaps, lower costs, end denials, watch over prior authorization, widen networks, hold insurers accountable. Each patch leaves the real problem in place.
2. **Insurers hold the money.** The ACA is built to send our healthcare dollars through private insurance companies.
3. **Profit comes first.** By law, a private insurance company must work to grow profits for its owners. That goal works against care for everyone.
4. **Highest costs, worst results.** We pay more for healthcare than any other wealthy nation and get worse results.
5. **A failing system.** The Commonwealth Fund, a group that works for affordable, quality healthcare for all, calls our system failing.

WHAT NATIONAL IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL DOES

- ✓ **Care for everyone.** Every person in the nation is covered, from cradle to end of life, with no gaps and no one left out.
- ✓ **No profit in the middle.** Healthcare dollars pay for care, not for insurance company profits.
- ✓ **Much lower costs.** One public payer, free from profit, covers everyone for much less.
- ✓ **Proven worldwide.** Single payer systems around the world already provide high quality care for all at much less cost.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Patching the ACA keeps private insurance companies, and their profits, in charge of our healthcare. National Improved Medicare for All, free from profit, is the solution we need. Everybody in, nobody out.

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