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Facebook - @OWUMock

## INTERESTED IN BEING A STATE DELEGATE?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 2020 EVENT

Mock Convention, February 21-22, 2020

## WHY A DEMOCRATIC MOCK CONVENTION?

To ensure there is lively debate and competition among a number of candidates, Ohio Wesleyan's Mock Convention traditionally represents the party currently not in control of the White House.



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## "LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND HEALTHCARE FOR ALL...?"

A Conversation About Healthcare and the Presidential Election



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**OWU MOCK CONVENTION 2020  
PLATFORM HEARING #3**



# Joe Biden

Senator from Delaware (1973-2009)  
Vice President (2009-2017)

*“Health care is personal to me. Obamacare is personal to me. When I see the president try to tear it down and others propose to replace it and start over, that’s personal to me too. We’ve got to build on what we did because every American deserves affordable health care.”*

- (1) Give every American access to affordable health insurance by giving Americans a new choice in their public health insurance (like Medicare), increasing the value of tax credits to lower premiums, extending coverage to more working Americans, and expanding the coverage to low-income Americans.
- (2) Provide the peace of mind of affordable, quality health care and less complex health systems by providing all Americans with a new, more affordable option, Middle class families will receive a premium tax credit to help them pay for coverage, stop “surprise billing” when a provider is out of network, tackle the concentration of corporations that drive up the prices for consumers by using the antitrust powers, and lower costs and improve health outcomes by partnering with the health care workforce.
- (3) Step up to the abuse of power by prescription drug corporations by repealing the exception that allows drug corporations to avoid negotiating with Medicare over drug prices, limiting the high prices for drugs that face no competition, limiting price increases for abusively priced generic drugs, allowing consumers to buy prescription drugs from other countries, terminating pharmaceutical corporations’ tax break for advertisement spending, and improving the supply of quality generics.
- (4) Ensure healthcare is a right for all, not a privilege for just a few, by expanding access to contraception and protecting the constitutional right to an abortion, reducing the high maternal mortality rate, which especially impacts people of color. Overall, Biden’s plan hopes to double America’s investment in community health centers as well as expanding access to mental health care.

Information from:

<https://joebiden.com/healthcare/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/27/us/politics/joe-biden-ad-personal.html>

# Andrew Yang

Entrepreneur  
Philanthropist



*“I’m in the Medicare for All public option camp. Right now, we’re spending twice as much on our health care to worse effects than other countries.... If we channel our existing resources and negotiate lower drug prices, lower rates, we can get the access up and the prices down.”*

Yang believes in a Medicare for All plan by setting prices provided by medical services. Mr. Yang also wants to take steps to holistic healthcare. When talking about holistic approaches he is referring to addressing both physical and mental health issues. He believes that citizens have a right to access a more holistic healthcare system and that by shifting to a more holistic approach healthcare costs will be able to be controlled more effectively. Yang believes that being set in an employer based healthcare system decreases citizens economic mobility. As President, Yang would:

- (1) Work with Congress to create a Medicare-for-all plan to give healthcare to all Americans.
- (2) Shift the way doctors are compensated to promote empathetic and holistic care.
- (3) Create incentives for and invest in innovative treatment methods.

Information from:

[https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Andrew\\_Yang\\_Health\\_Care.htm](https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Andrew_Yang_Health_Care.htm)

<https://www.yang2020.com/policies/medicare-for-all/>



# Cory Booker

Mayor of Newark, New Jersey (2006 - 2013)

Senator from New Jersey (2013 - Present)

*"I stand by supporting Medicare for All," he said. "But I'm also that pragmatist that when I'm chief executive of the country ... I'm going to find the immediate things that we can do. We're not going to pull health insurance from 150 million Americans who have private insurance that like their insurance."*

Cory Booker plans to fight for access to quality, affordable and universal health care, and end attacks on the Affordable Care Act, as he believes they unfairly hurt the middle class. Booker wants to fight for Medicare for All and implement universal paid family and medical leave. Booker's focus on rural and underfunded communities continues with his plan to combat the opioid addiction crisis by treating addiction like a disease holding pharmaceutical companies accountable, and lowering prescription drug costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prices and import drugs from Canada and other countries. Booker's administration considers bringing down prescription drug costs a top priority for ensuring the health of all Americans. Booker was part of the legislative team that proposed the Affordable Medications Act in the Senate.

Booker would work to take patents away from drug companies that sell the same medication for less in other countries, invest in ending the maternal mortality epidemic, and reduce racial disparities in maternal mortality rates. Booker assures that he would only appoint federal judges that would uphold the protections guaranteed by Roe v. Wade and supports repealing the Hyde amendment in order to protect a women's right to safe and legal reproductive healthcare. Booker would pay for this plan by imposing a tax penalty on drug companies that unfairly raise the cost of their drugs in order to ensure access to affordable long-term services and support to every American that needs it.

Information from:

[https://www.ontheissues.org/celeb/Cory\\_Booker\\_Health\\_Care.htm](https://www.ontheissues.org/celeb/Cory_Booker_Health_Care.htm)

<https://corybooker.com/issues/health-care/>

<https://corybooker.com/issues/reproductive-rights/>

<https://www.politico.com/story/2019/05/05/cory-booker-medicare-for-all-1302505>

# Elizabeth Warren

Professor of Law (1977 - 2013)

Senator from Massachusetts (2013 - Present)



*"My transition plan will take seriously and address substantively the concerns of unions, individuals with private insurance, hospitals, people who work for private health insurers, and medical professionals who worry about what a new system will mean for them"*

As President, Warren plans to enact a Medicare for All plan. This would provide coverage to every American so they can see the doctor they need without worrying about debt or coverage because doctors are paid directly through Medicare. Warren's plan would also push her own bill, the Affordable Drug Manufacturing Act into law. This would regulate drug pricing for all prescriptions listed as essential by the World Health Organization.

Warren's Medicare for All plan would also incorporate Warren's own Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act, which holds caregivers accountable for giving adequate mental health treatment. Warren's administration would pay for this program by enacting employer contributions and a three cent tax on those who have a net worth over one billion dollars.

Under her plan, Medicare for All will cover the full list of benefits outlined in the Medicare for All Act, which includes long-term care, hearing, vision, and dental benefits. Her plan covers every single person in the United States and includes payment reforms that would not require any additional funds to be spent overall. Instead of paying separately for each visit or procedure, the models that Warren focuses on set a single price for an entire season of care, holding health systems accountable for the outcome.

In maternity care, health systems would have flexibility to cover services like prenatal and postpartum visits, hypertension and depression screenings to ensure that these new mothers and their children are staying healthy. She has also released a plan to decrease the maternal mortality rate for women of color.

Information from:

<https://elizabethwarren.com/plans/paying-for-m4a>

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/01/politics/elizabeth-warren-medicare-for-all-financing-plan/index.html>

<https://elizabethwarren.com/plans/health-care>

<https://elizabethwarren.com/plans/addressing-maternal-mortality-epidemic>



## Pete Buttigieg

*Lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve (2009 - 2017)  
Mayor of South Bend, Indiana (2012 - Present)*

*“My ‘Medicare for All Who Want It’ plan will create a health care system that puts power in the hands of each American.”*

Buttigieg is a vocal proponent of Medicare for All Who Want It, the public option version of Medicare for All. He has framed this choice as a way to lead to a choice-based, slower progression to the single-payer Medicare for All. Buttigieg aims for universal coverage through automatic enrollment in the public option for those who are eligible and through increasing subsidies for those who participate in private marketplace options. His plans to increase access to healthcare also include premium payment caps for middle-income participants, caps on out-of-pocket costs for seniors on Medicare, and coverage for undocumented immigrants. Buttigieg has proposed various efforts to reduce other problems in the healthcare system, including ending “surprise billing” due to out-of-network physicians at in-network facilities, limiting costs of ambulance and emergency services at out-of-network facilities, reducing administrative costs through streamlined billing and greater use of electronic records, and improving government monitoring of nonprofit hospital benefits and healthcare mergers.

Like many other Democrats, Buttigieg supports repealing the Hyde Amendment and gag rules. He has also proposed permitting physicians to prescribe abortion medication remotely. Finally, Buttigieg’s plans state he will enforce “mental health parity” in the healthcare system, by requiring that facilities treat mental health and substance abuse treatment the same as treatment for physical conditions. Healthcare facilities that do not demonstrate parity will be fined and named publicly. Buttigieg states that his plan will be paid for by rolling back President Trump’s corporate tax cuts, and cost savings through changes in the system.

Information from:

<https://peteforamerica.com/policies/health-care/>

[https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Pete\\_Buttigieg\\_Health\\_Care.htm](https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Pete_Buttigieg_Health_Care.htm)

<https://www.politico.com/story/2019/09/19/pete-buttigieg-2020-health-care-plan-1502581>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-buttigieg/u-s-democratic-presidential-candidate-buttigieg-unveils-health-plan-idUSKBN1W417Q>

<https://feminist.org/blog/index.php/2019/10/28/presidential-hopeful-pete-buttigieg-released-a-new-plan-to-boost-womens-economic-social-and-political-empowerment/>

## Thomas Steyer

*Founder, Farallon Capital  
Executive, Hellman & Friedman Equity Firm*



*“Many Americans are living without coverage, praying they won't get sick and go bankrupt trying to pay off their medical debts. Healthcare must be a RIGHT, not a privilege--and our government must act to protect the foundations of our health. “*

Steyer lists healthcare access as one of his top five priorities as President, stating that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and that everyone should have access to a healthy life. Steyer does not want to eliminate private health insurance but would add a public option to existing plans. Steyer also wants to add protections for women’s reproductive healthcare, but has not been clear on specifics regarding abortion access. Steyer also wishes to implement programs that will expand Medicare and Medicaid, but he opposes a Medicare for All plan.

Information from:

<https://www.tomsteyer.com/5-rights/>

[https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Tom\\_Steyer\\_Health\\_Care.htm](https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Tom_Steyer_Health_Care.htm)

<https://www.politico.com/2020-election/candidates-views-on-the-issues/tom-steyer/>





# Julian Castro

Mayor of San Antonio, Texas (2009 - 2014)  
Secretary of HUD (2014 - 2017)

*"The best way to improve the health care system is to provide Medicare for All, with an option to choose either a complementary or supplementary private insurance. An expanded Medicare program should be financed mostly through a restructured tax code. Premiums and copayments may still exist, but my proposal will prioritize keeping these payments low. I would support repealing the Trump tax plan and replace it with one that asks corporations and the wealthiest elite to contribute their fair share."*

Castro plans to create a pathway through which every American can have access to quality health insurance. Castro's Medicare for All plan would rely on taxing the wealthy in order to pay for this program, including automatic enrollment for all. Castro's plan would also allow a private option through insurance carriers that are regulated under the Affordable Care Act. During his time in the Obama Administration, Castro focused on several healthcare initiatives and is focused on continuing these policies, including requiring all insurance plans to cover mental health care as well as regulating the cost of prescription medication overall by negotiating it through Medicare. Castro's administration would also focus on providing more care to rural and lower income communities. Castro supports repealing the Hyde Amendment, which has, since 1976, blocked federal Medicaid funding for abortion services, impacting lower-income communities that rely on Medicaid for their health care coverage, to ensure that everyone has access to reproductive health services.

Information from:

<https://issues.juliancastro.com/health-care/>

[https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Julian\\_Castro\\_Health\\_Care.htm](https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Julian_Castro_Health_Care.htm)

[https://ballotpedia.org/Julian\\_Castro\\_presidential\\_campaign,\\_2020](https://ballotpedia.org/Julian_Castro_presidential_campaign,_2020)

<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/issues/abortion/hyde-amendment>

<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/issues/abortion/hyde-amendment>

# Bernie Sanders

Member Of Congress from Vermont (1991 - 2007)  
Senator from Vermont (2007 - Present)



*"We say to the private health insurance companies: whether you like it or not, the United States will join every other major country on earth and guarantee healthcare to all people as a right. All Americans are entitled to go to the doctor when they're sick and not go bankrupt after staying in the hospital."*

Senator Sanders believes that healthcare is a right and not a privilege and to guarantee this right a Medicare-for-All single-payer program must be established. One of Sanders greatest objectives is to lower prescription drug prices. He will do this by: (1) Allowing Medicare to negotiate with big companies to lower drug prices through the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Act. (2) Allow patients, pharmacists, and wholesalers to buy low-cost prescription drugs from Canada and other industrialized countries with the Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act. (3) Cut prescription drug prices in half, with the Prescription Drug Price Relief Act, by pegging prices to the median drug price in five major countries: Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Japan. Sanders also wishes to end the medical debt of over 79 million Americans - totaling over \$81 Billion in past-due debts as well as ending the current debt collection practices used in the healthcare system. Senator Sanders supports repealing the Hyde amendment and has an extensive voting record for supporting increased access to abortion and birth control healthcare. Sanders would pay for his plan by imposing a payroll tax and decreasing military spending but has not provided a full breakdown of how he would fund his proposal.

Information from:

<https://berniesanders.com/issues/eliminating-medical-debt/>

<https://berniesanders.com/issues/medicare-for-all/>

[https://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Bernie\\_Sanders\\_Health\\_Care.htm](https://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Bernie_Sanders_Health_Care.htm)



## Tulsi Gabbard

*Member of Congress from Hawaii (2013 - Present)  
Major, United States Army (2003 - Present)*

*“Too many people in this country are getting sick without the care that they need. As president, I will work to ensure all Americans have quality healthcare incentivized to increase health and prevent and heal disease.”*

Gabbard supports Medicare for All, and serves on the Medicare for All Caucus. Gabbard also supports reducing the cost of healthcare overall, reducing the cost of prescriptions, and ensuring transparency so that people know what they are paying for in terms of healthcare. Gabbard’s plan would not eliminate private insurance and would tax the wealthiest 5% of Americans. Gabbard supports women’s reproductive rights, including access to contraceptives but has a more restrictive stance on access to abortion than other Democratic candidates. She has not stated her opinion on the Hyde amendment.

Information from:

<https://www.votetulsi.com/node/25035>

<https://www.tulsi2020.com/record/stand-womens-rights>



## Kamala Harris

*Attorney General of California (2011 - 2017)  
Senator from California (2017 - Present)*

*“There is perhaps no more complicated or more personal issue for Americans than health care. I know this from my own personal life, caring for my mother as she battled colon cancer. And I also know it from talking to so many Americans in this campaign — seniors and union members, young people and parents, workers and caregivers.”*

As President, Harris would support a Medicare for All system where private insurers remain in business if they follow new rules and policies such as increasing funding for mental health care and combating the opioid crisis. Harris is stern in her promise to prosecute prescription medication manufacturers that artificially raise prices. Senator Harris is a vocal advocate for women’s reproductive health and recognizes the demographic skew on maternal mortality due to poor hospital assistance. The bill, called “The Maternal CARE Act” introduced in the Senate would fall under the Medicare for All legislation. Her plan would transition to a Medicare for All plan in 10 years. Harris’ plan would be funded by a 4% increase for households in the middle class earning \$100,000 or more. Harris believes the benefits to her Medicare for All plan would include all medically necessary services such as dental, hospital and emergency services, hearing aids, vision, mental health services, and reproductive health care. Harris is a supporter of Roe v. Wade and wants to hold states accountable when they violate its policies. Harris is also a strong supporter of repealing the Hyde amendment. In the case of private insurers, Harris would require private providers follow a standard of care and cost equal to that of Medicare.

Information from:

<http://kamalaharris.org/healthcare/>

<https://kamalaharris.org/repro-rights/>



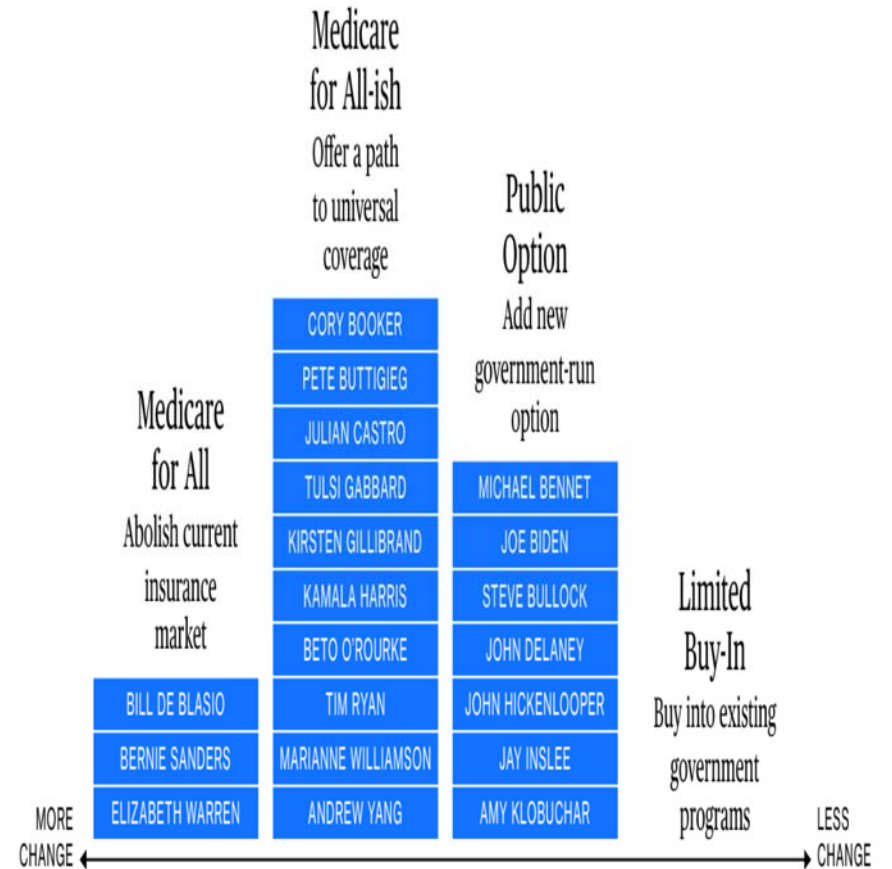
# Amy Klobuchar

Court Attorney, Hennepin County, MN (1999 - 2007)  
 Senator from Minnesota (2007 - Present)

*"Quality, universal, and accessible health care is a very personal matter to families all across our state. We must continue working to ensure all Minnesotans have access to the high-quality healthcare they need and deserve."*

As President, Klobuchar's plan would include an option for affordable, public, non-profit healthcare through Medicare or Medicaid. This addition to the Affordable Care Act lowers healthcare premiums, expands subsidies, and provides cost sharing aid for co-pays and deductibles. This expansion also helps states establish reinsurance programs that protect against higher premiums due to a small population with high healthcare costs. Klobuchar also plans to expand the Affordable Care Act to cover dental, mental health, women's and reproductive health, and vision under Medicare as well as enact new policies that combat the high cost of prescription drugs imposed by pharmaceutical companies because of the barriers-to-entry monopoly power they have. This policy includes signing Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act and Biosimilars Act, a bill that Senator Klobuchar wrote that breaks up the trust that many drug companies participate in. As President, Klobuchar will greatly emphasize the need to invest in mental health as well as disease prevention. She plans to invest in drug-recovery programs and rehabilitation under Medicare and stresses the need to cure Alzheimer's and help combat the opioid epidemic.

## Where the candidates stand...



Information from:

<http://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/index-cfm/health-care>

<http://takeaction.amyklobuchar.com/healthcare/>

# US Healthcare Costs: Condition Critical

## HEALTHCARE WASTE COSTS BREAKDOWN

In 2011, US healthcare expenditure totalled:  
**\$2.7 trillion**...



...that's **9x** more than global pharmaceutical sales figures for the same year...

**\$4.8tn**  
 2.7tn

...and is expected to rise to \$4.8tn by 2021.

5% of patients consume **50%** of healthcare spending. Most are chronically ill.



The amount of money going to waste in US healthcare (\$750bn)...



...is nearly **five times** the total operating budget of the NHS in the UK\*



Almost **8 out of 10** American workers have at least one chronic condition – half of those have **more than one**

Sources: Office of Management & Budget (OMB), US Workplace Wellness Alliance, "The Burden of Chronic Disease on Business and US Competitiveness," 2009, MIT Technology Review, OECD Health Data 2011. \*2013/14 est \$156bn