



Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition

The Campaign for the Minnesota Health Plan

October 2010 E-Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Single-Payer isn't literally on the ballot in Minnesota, but supporters are on the ballot across the state. How close are we to passing The Minnesota Health Plan? It all depends on the outcome of the November 2 election. If we have single-payer supporters in the Governor's office and in the legislature, our goal will be within reach. For the first time. Ever. Over one-third of all Minnesota legislators signed onto the Minnesota Health Plan last session. And every one of those seats is up for election. Other single-payer supporters are hoping to win seats for the first time. MUHCC does not endorse candidates, but we do endorse single-payer. We look to see where the candidates stand. This issue contains that information. We hope you find it helpful as you prepare to vote on November 2nd.

Amy Lange
Executive Director

THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

Mark Dayton- Supports single-payer and the Minnesota Health Plan. Supports opt-in for early Medicaid Expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Tom Emmer- Opposes single-payer and the Minnesota Health Plan. Favors repeal of PPACA.

Tom Horner- Opposes single-payer and the Minnesota Health Plan. Supports opt-in for early Medicaid Expansion under the federal PPACA.

THE CANDIDATES FOR SENATE

Supporters of the Minnesota Health Plan by District (Bold= incumbent):

Rod Skoe (2)
Mary Olson (4)
David Tomassoni (5)
Tom Bakk (6)
Roger Reinert (7)
Tony Lourey (8)
Dan Skogen (10)
Jim Thoreen (11)
Rick Olseen (17)
Gary Kubly (20)

Kevin Dahle (25)
Sharon Erickson Ropes (31)
Laura Helmer (34)
Jim Carlson (38)
John Doll (40)
Linda Scheid (46)
Leo Foley (47)
Becky Siekmeyer (52)
Sandy Rummel (53)
John Marty (54)

Charles Wiger (55)
Kathy Salzman (56)
Linda Higgins (58)
Scott Dibble (60)
Linda Berglin (61)
Patricia Torres Ray (62)
Dick Cohen (64)
Sandy Pappas (65)
Ellen Anderson (66)

THE CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE

Supporters of the Minnesota Health Plan by District (Bold= incumbent):

Kent Eken (2A)

Brita Sailer (2B)

Tom Anzelc (3A)

John Persell (4A)
Tom Rukavina (5A)
Mary Murphy (6B)
Kerry Gauthier (7B)
Bill Hilty (8A)
Tim Faust (8B)
John Ward (12A)
Al Doty (12B)
Andrew Falk (20A)
Joan Muth-Milks (24B)
David Bly (25B)
Patti Fritz (26B)
Jerry Roth (28A)
Tina Liebling (30A)
Steve Kemp (31B)
Leanne Kunze (34A)
Jannaya LaFrance (35B)

Colin Lee (36A)
Sandy Masin (38A)
Rick Hansen (39A)
Audrey Britton (43A)
John Benson (43B)
Lyndon Carlson (45B)
Debra Hilstron (46B)
Laurie Olmon (48A)
Daniel Kane (48B)
Jerry Newton (49B)
Carolyn Laine (50A)
Tom Tilberry (51B)
Mindy Greiling (54A)
Bev Scalze (54B)
Nora Slawik (55B)
Jen Peterson (57A)
Joe Mullery (58A)

Bobby Joe Champion (58B)
Phyllis Kahn (59B)
Marion Greene (60A)
Frank Hornstein (60B)
Karen Clark (61A)
Jeff Hayden (61B)
Jim Davnie (62A)
Jean Wagenius (62B)
Paul Thissen (63A)
Linda Slocum (63B)
Erin Murphy (64A)
Michael Paymar (64B)
Rena Moran (65A)
Carlos Mariani (65B)
John Lesch (66A)
Alice Hausman (66B)
Sheldon Johnson (67A)

Support Universal Coverage Don't Specify Single-Payer:

Meg Bye (4B)
Pete Phillips (10B)
Douglas Wunderlich (29A)

Denise Bader (33A)
Sigrid Iverson (36B)

Disclaimer: The information above was gleaned from a variety of sources, websites, legislative records, debates, candidate questionnaires and correspondence. If we have inadvertently omitted a supporter, please let us know at info@muhcc.org. Thank you.

VOTE NOVEMBER 2ND!!!!

[Find your polling place](#)
[Find out about voting absentee](#)
[Learn about voter registration](#)

MOBILIZE FOR THE MINNESOTA HEALTH PLAN ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING TRAINING

Why are we still talking about health care reform? Didn't we just pass a federal bill?

What is the Minnesota Health Plan? Why is it better for me? How can we get this passed?

The Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition/ Campaign for the MN Health Plan is holding a repeat of our popular organizing and advocacy training on the Minnesota Health Plan.

Saturday November 6th 2010

Full day education and advocacy 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Morning education session only 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Saint Peter Senior Center
600 S Fifth St. Suite 219
Saint Peter MN 56082

Pre-Registration Required

Suggested Donation: \$25 full day (\$10 students), \$15 morning only



To Register: [Morning Only](#) or [Full Day](#)
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OTHER EVENTS

Minnesota Can Do Health Care Better- Forum on the Minnesota Health Plan

Learn about the bill, how it will help businesses and farmers, how it differs from the federal bill, and how to get it passed.

Wednesday November 17th 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Mower County Senior Center

400 3rd Ave NE

Austin MN 55912

Free of Charge- Everyone Welcome

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Healthcare-NOW! National Strategy Conference

November 13 & 14, 2010 Philadelphia PA

Join single-payer activists from around the country to plan out national and state based strategies to advance the cause.

[For more information](#)

TELL US YOUR HEALTH CARE STORY

At every one of our events and presentations, someone comes up to share their health care story and explain how it brings them to support the Minnesota Health Plan. The stories are heartbreaking and maddening. All in one way or the other highlight the need to control spiraling costs, eliminate insurance company abuses and assure continuous coverage. These stories put a human face on our fragmented system and illustrate the need for a comprehensive overhaul. Please share your story [online](#) or by [filling out our form](#) and mailing it to us.

HOW CAN WE PASS THE MINNESOTA HEALTH PLAN WHEN THE STATE IS BROKE?

It is true, we face a massive deficit, but the soaring cost of health care is a large part of the problem. **We can't solve the budget problem without solving the health care problem.** The Minnesota Health Plan will save money and lower the total cost of health care in Minnesota. The Minnesota Health Plan makes sure that your health care dollars are going to pay for health care *not* for insurance company red tape, lobbying, marketing and excessive CEO pay. Your doctors can focus on getting and keeping you well, rather than sorting through the rules of hundreds of plans and fighting with insurance companies to get paid. With the money saved on administration, bulk purchases and negotiated rates under the Minnesota Health Plan, we can guarantee secure affordable coverage to everyone in Minnesota

The Minnesota Health Plan is the fiscally responsible and efficient solution to our budget problems. It will give every Minnesotan what they really want, **the peace of mind knowing they have affordable coverage that can't be taken away and the choice of whatever doctor that they think is best for them.** No meddling or restrictions by insurance companies, no pages of fine print. Health care when you need it, because that's what everyone in Minnesota deserves.

IN THE NEWS

A MINNESOTA PHYSICIAN LAYS OUT THE CASE

From a recent commentary by Edward Ehlinger MD, published in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* on October 5 2010 ...

When health care costs, access to care and health status concerns became a major issue in the 1940s, the United States had a chance to implement a more rational tax-based health care financing system. However,

the country did not have the political will to implement such a system and opted for the insurance-based model we have today. In the 1960s, the failure of that system for the elderly prompted the passage of Medicare, which has dramatically improved both the physical and economic health of senior citizens...

...With the continued problems of our insurance-based model of health care financing, perhaps it's time to implement an improved Medicare-for-all approach. Then preexisting conditions would not be only redundant, they would be irrelevant. [Read More](#)

Hennepin County Medical Center to Shut Out Nonresident Poor

In an ongoing effort to fight the effects of state cutbacks, Hennepin County Medical Center starting early next year will turn away poor and uninsured patients who live outside the county and are seeking nonemergency treatment. Such patients would still get emergency treatment, which the hospital is mandated by federal law to provide regardless of residence or resources. The hospital also will continue to treat nonresidents who are insured. [Read more](#)

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DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT WITH A CONTRIBUTION TODAY!!

Thanks to two generous donors we have a \$10,000 matching challenge. All contributions made before October 31st 2010 will be matched dollar for dollar.

Don't delay, click to donate.

The Campaign for the Minnesota Health Plan is a collaborative effort of the Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition and the Greater Minnesota Health Care Coalition and their coalition partners across Minnesota.

