

Bill 00X: The Equal Health Care Act of 2015

PREAMBLE: Despite spending a higher amount on healthcare per capita than many other nations with socialized health care, much fewer people in the United States have access to health care. This act will ensure that no one is ever again denied health care in the interest of profit.

SECTION 1: The new national health service will be known as Medicare.

SECTION 2: Functions

SUB SECTION 1: Medicare will provide healthcare to all legal residents of America.

SUB SECTION 2: Medicare covers all health care considered necessary.

SUB SECTION 3: Necessary health care is defined as as health care that is needed for an average individual to be able to live healthily and happily.

SUB SECTION 4: Health care is deemed necessary on a patient-by-patient basis on doctor's orders. If a treatment is considered necessary in at least 75% of cases for a period of 5 years, then it will be deemed necessary by default.

SUB SECTION 5: If treatment is determined as unnecessary by the physician attending to a patient, that patient may appeal to the Department of Health and Human Services in order to receive the treatment.

SUB SECTION 6: Supplementary health insurance for non-necessary will remain as health insurance functions now.

SECTION 3: Hospitals

SUB SECTION 1: Fees of private hospitals will be payed by the government where previously paid for by patients and healthcare insurance agencies.

SUB SECTION 2: New hospitals will be created by the government in regions that are determined as needing more by the Department of Health and Human Services.

SUB SECTION 3: A portion of the Medicare budget deemed necessary by the Department of Health and Human Services will be used for purchasing private hospitals for public use. SUB SECTION 4: By 2100 the United States federal government must own at least 50 percent of all hospitals in the country.

SUB SECTION 5: Publicly owned and partially publicly owned hospitals will be run democratically, with the health-care workers employed voting on when to do their

jobs and on other decisions currently made by a director or other leader. Workers will elect officials who act when a leader is needed immediately.

SECTION 4: Health Care Workers

SUB SECTION 1: All physicians and other health care workers will be paid directly or through private hospitals by the United States government.

SUB SECTION 2: Medical students can agree to be publicly paid physicians in return for payment of tuition and financial support during residency.

SECTION 5: Funding

SUB SECTION 1: Medicare will be payed through currently existing taxation and funds will be allocated to it in the yearly national budget.

SUB SECTION 2: Tax money currently used for the present form of Medicare, Medicaid, subsidization of health insurance, and other healthcare-related federal government expenses will be redirected to the Medicare.

SECTION 6: This bill will be enacted 365 days after the passing of the Equal Health Care Act of 2015.