

# HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT.

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**ELIZABETH WARREN**

## | WHAT THIS PLAN IS ABOUT

The cost of health care is crushing American families, even those with good insurance.

Last year,

- 37 million American adults didn’t fill a prescription,
- 36 million people skipped a recommended test, treatment, or follow-up,
- 40 million people didn’t go to a doctor to check out a health problem — all because of costs,
- 57 million people had trouble covering their medical bills, and
- 87 million Americans were either uninsured or underinsured.



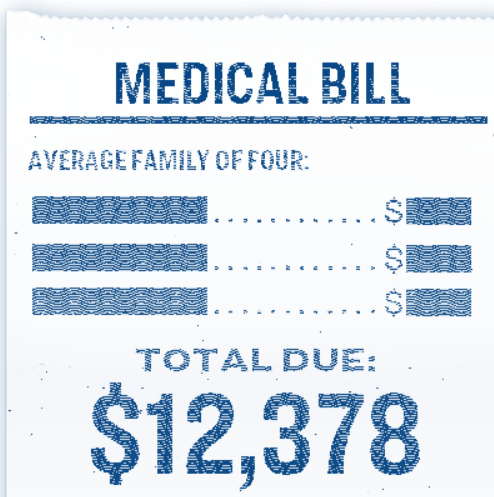
Tens of millions of people are one bad diagnosis away from going broke — but they don’t have to be.

Elizabeth Warren is the only candidate for president with a comprehensive, effective **plan to help as many people as possible, as fast as possible** — and get us to Medicare for All.

When Elizabeth is President, everyone in America will be able to see the doctor they need and be covered for vision, dental, hearing, mental health, and more — at little or no cost to them whatsoever.

✓	No more out-of-network costs,
✓	No surprises, &
✓	No one going broke because they get sick.

Because taking care of our people isn’t up for debate.



AN AVERAGE FAMILY OF FOUR WITH EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE SPENT **\$12,378** ON EMPLOYEE PREMIUMS AND OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS IN 2018

## ON DAY ONE OF ELIZABETH WARREN'S PRESIDENCY

Protect people with pre-existing conditions by defending the Affordable Care Act	✓
Reverse the Trump administration's sabotage of our health care system	✓
Lower costs of key drugs for millions of Americans, including insulin, EpiPens, and HIV drugs	✓








## WITHIN THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF ELIZABETH WARREN'S PRESIDENCY

Give everyone the chance to join a high-quality Medicare for All program — completely free for children under 18 and families under double the poverty level (that's equivalent to making \$51,000/year for a family of four.)	✓
Lower the age of eligibility for Medicare to 50, while improving the program to include dental and vision, long term care, and significantly lower cost sharing. (Currently, you have to be 65 to enroll in Medicare.)	✓
By the end of Elizabeth Warren's first 100 days as president, we will have opened the door for tens of millions of Americans to get high-quality Medicare coverage at little or no cost to them.	

## BY YEAR THREE OF ELIZABETH WARREN'S PRESIDENCY

By her third year, people will have experienced full-health care coverage, and **Elizabeth Warren will push Congress to complete the transition to Medicare for All** and provide high-quality, free health care for every person in the country. No more out-of-network costs, no surprises, and no one going broke because you get sick.

And every American — regardless of whether they are young or old, poor or rich — will get access to **health care that covers:**

		
Vision	Hearing	Dental
		
Mental Health	Long-term care	



Elizabeth Warren's Medicare for All plan will put \$11 trillion back in the pockets of American families who will never pay another premium or deductible, without raising middle class taxes by one penny.

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## | HOW WOULD WE PAY FOR IT?



**Despite what some others may say, middle-class taxes won't go up — not by one penny — under Elizabeth's plan.**

Here's how her plan to pay for it works: To cover the cost, we start by taking the money employers are currently required to pay under the Affordable Care Act to private insurance companies and have them pay it toward Medicare instead. The rest of the funding comes from **taxes on giant corporations, Wall Street, and the richest 1%**, targeted spending cut, and cracking down on tax evasion and fraud.



Several Independent economists, including President Obama's former head of Medicare and Medicaid, the former chief economist at the Department of Labor, and the former chief economist at the IMF, have verified that Elizabeth's plan is fully paid for, won't raise taxes on middle-class families, and will make sure everyone gets the care they need from the doctors they trust.

**Elizabeth Warren is running for president to fight for all of us** — that's why she's the candidate with a comprehensive and achievable pathway to making sure every single person in this country has high-quality health care. Because the time for small ideas is over. This is our moment to dream big, fight hard, and win.

## | WHY IT'S NEEDED



When Elizabeth was in middle school, her father had a heart attack. He was out of work for a long time, and the bills piled up. They lost their family station wagon, and they came about an inch away from losing their house.

Later, as a bankruptcy professor, Elizabeth spent decades studying why families go broke. **She came to find that one of the top reasons for that is medical problems — even for families with insurance.**



So when it comes to health care, it's not just political talking points for Elizabeth Warren. She knows from her own experience and her career that these costs are hurting families. Between 2013 and 2016, the number one reason families went broke was still because of health care costs — despite over 90% of families being insured in 2016. Meanwhile, communities of color are disproportionately hurt by our profit-based health care system.

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Nearly **22% of Native American, 19% Hispanic, and 11% of Black nonelderly individuals were uninsured** in 2017. Medicare for All would close these gaps immediately.

**We shouldn't put people's health in the hands of insurance companies whose goal is to make as much money as possible.**

In 2018 alone, private insurance companies made \$23 billion in profits while premiums skyrocketed and out-of-pocket costs went through the roof.

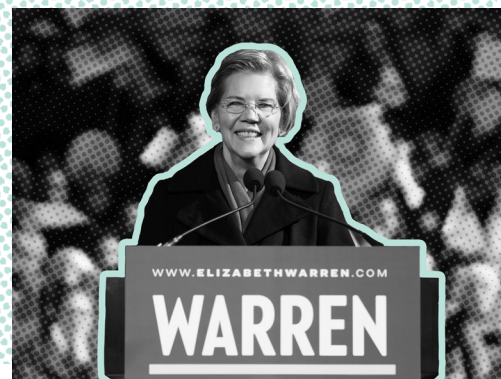
**It's simple: People shouldn't have to go bankrupt to get health care.**



### ABOUT ELIZABETH

Elizabeth grew up on the ragged edge of the middle class in Oklahoma. Like many Americans, her path wasn't a straight line—she dropped out of college at age 19, got married, and then continued her education thanks to a college that cost \$50 a semester. Elizabeth is the daughter of a janitor, who had the chance to become a teacher, a law professor, a United States Senator, and a presidential candidate because America invested in her.

**After Wall Street crashed our economy, Elizabeth Warren went after the big banks** who fleeced millions of Americans, fighting to create the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau—the country's first consumer watchdog agency to hold financial institutions accountable for cheating people. When Republicans tried to stop her, she ran against one of them—and won the election!



**Now, Elizabeth Warren running for president to build an America that works for all of us, not just the wealthy and well-connected. This is our moment to dream big, fight hard, and win.**

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