

Healing American Healthcare Coalition Supports the Nevada Culinary Union's Opposition to Medicare-for-All

Hamilton, NJ, February 20, 2020 - The Healing American Healthcare Coalition today announced that it supports the Nevada Culinary Union's opposition to Medicare-for-All. The Coalition believes that unions should be free to negotiate healthcare benefits on behalf of their members.

"It makes perfect sense that Culinary Union Local 226 is opposed to Medicare-for-All," said Coalition Executive Director, John Dalton. "The Union simply wants to retain the healthcare benefits it won through hard-fought negotiation with employers – benefits their members support and embrace."

The Coalition endorses the union-friendly plan developed by healthcare experts Dr. Michael Hutchinson and Edward Eichhorn. Similar to the universal healthcare plans of several European countries, the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan relies on competition and choice, and includes a public option based on Medicare.

"If the United States were to adopt this approach, employers would be required to provide healthcare plans, but could choose between being self-insured, buying private insurance, or selecting a competitive public option," Dalton said.

By fostering competition in the private insurance market with a cost-effective public option, the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan is expected to reduce employer healthcare costs by as much as 30%. This considerable savings would provide opportunities for unions to negotiate for member benefits beyond healthcare coverage.

The Coalition believes that implementing the Eichhorn-Hutchinson universal healthcare plan would not lead to an increase in government funding, and it is likely that federal and state costs for Medicaid would actually decline. In total, it's estimated that the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan could save up to *one trillion dollars* per year.

Key Outcomes Under the Eichhorn-Hutchinson Plan

- All employers provide health insurance
- Public option funded by tax on employers who choose this option for their employees
 - Substantially *lower* than current health care costs incurred by employers
- Public option will create price competition
- Preserves a role for private insurers
- Healthcare costs can be reduced to 12 percent of GDP over ten years (from the current 19%)
- Medical billing will be simplified
- Medical-related bankruptcies in the U.S. will decrease by 50 percent
- Drug prices will be negotiated on a national level
- Life expectancy in the U.S. will improve
- Insurance premiums will decrease by as much as 30 percent
- Up to one trillion dollars in cost reduction annually

For more information about the Eichhorn-Hutchinson plan visit www.healingamericanhealthcare.org.

About the Healing American Healthcare Coalition

The Healing American Healthcare Coalition is an independent organization dedicated to providing its members with timely and insightful information and reports concerning universal healthcare proposals and programs. The Coalition is not a political action committee, nor is it affiliated with any political party. The Coalition's mission is to

be a trusted objective source regarding current discussions on healthcare initiatives that impact the health and well-being of Americans today and in the future.

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