

MEDICARE-FOR-ALL FACT SHEET



I. **It's popular.**

A. According to a September 2018, Goucher College survey most [Marylanders](#) back single-payer/Medicare-for-All

B. Nationally - an October 2018 Pew poll found that [60%](#) say the federal government should be responsible for guaranteeing all Americans health care.

II. **It would lead to more jobs and higher wages.**

A. Employees will be less costly; employers will not have to pay for their health care.

B. Since labor expenses will go down, employers will have more funds available to compete for workers by offering higher salaries.

III. **It's cheaper.**

A. NYT economics writer **Robert Frank** explains in an article published July 2018 that Medicare-for-all will cost [much less](#) per person than the mixed and confusing system we have now even though all Americans would be covered under the proposal.

B. Administrative costs - especially top salaries and advertising costs - are greatly reduced. Source Frank.

C. Governments are much better at negotiating lower prices from providers like hospitals and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Source Frank.

D. A November 30, 2018 study by University of Massachusetts economists concludes that Medicare-for-All as proposed by Bernie Sanders would [cut](#) total health care spending by 10% annually while guaranteeing care to every American.

IV. **Better outcomes.**

A. Anxiety is greatly reduced

B. Everyone gets treated when needed.

C. Wellness care is emphasized because the profit is taken out of expensive long-running treatments for preventable problems like obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure.