

2017 Single-Payer/Universal Health Care Legislative Tracker, November 27, 2017

State	Measure	Status	Content
California	Healthy California Act (S. 562)	02/17/17: Introduced. 06/01/17: Passed Senate 23-14; ordered to the Assembly. Current Status: Assembly Speaker, Anthony Rendon, stalled S. 562 until further notice. <i>The bill will be stalled for at least the remainder of the 2017 calendar year (06/24/17)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandates that state covers all medical expenses for every resident, including inpatient, outpatient, emergency services, dental, vision, mental health and nursing home care; • Prohibits insurers from offering benefits that cover the same services as state; • Eliminates co-pays and deductibles; • Creates an unpaid, nine-person board appointed by the governor and the legislature to administer the system; and • Discontinues employer-sponsored insurance.
Colorado	Colorado Care (Amendment 69)	Current Status: <i>Placed on ballot and defeated during November 2016 election.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes ColoradoCare—a statewide system to finance health services for Coloradans; • Exists alongside other government insurance programs, such as Medicare; • Establishes a board of trustees, initially appointed and then elected, to oversee the operations of ColoradoCare; • Allows the board to terminate ColoradoCare if waivers, exemptions, and agreements are not fiscally sound; and • Covers deductibles but can charge copays on certain primary and preventative services.
Hawaii	SB 1120	01/25/17: Introduced. 01/27/17: Referred to Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health; and Ways and Means.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a universal health care insurance system; • Creates a state health care insurance planning and financing authority (the authority) to determine system costs and financing mechanisms; and • Mandates that the authority maintain the Hawaii employer-union health benefits trust fund and establishes an additional trust fund and reserve fund for state health insurance payments.
Maine	Healthy Maine Act (LD 1274)	04/04/17: Introduced; referred to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services. Current Status: <i>Failed in the Senate (07/20/17).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes Healthy Maine; a State body to finance healthcare services, to administer state and federal healthcare funds, and to institute fiscally sound payment policies; • Establishes the board of trustees of Health Maine to oversee Healthy Maine; and • Eliminates copays and deductibles.

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Massachusetts	Medicare for All (H. 2987/S. 619)	01/23/2017: Introduced; referred to the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. 06/20/2017: Held a joint hearing on Alternative Payment Systems in which H. 2987 was discussed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the Massachusetts Healthcare Trust—a single-payer healthcare system; Pools state and federal outlays for current public programs; and Eliminates premiums, co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles.
	S 2211/S 2202/2190	10/26/17: S 2190 reported from the Special Committee on Health Care Cost Containment and Reform; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. 11/02/17: S 2190 was passed with an amendment and substituted for a new draft (S 2202). Current Status: Passed by the Senate 33-6; reprinted as amended as S 2211 (11/09/17).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Center for Health Information and Analysis (“Center”) to recommend a methodology to develop a single payer benchmark; Requires the Center, in conjunction with the Health Policy Commission (“Commission”) and the Division of Insurance, to provide an annual report comparing the actual health care expenditures in the state from 2016-2018 with the single payer benchmark for that time period, indicating whether the state would have saved money while expanding access to care under a single payer health care system; and If the results of the report find that the single payer benchmark outperformed the actual total health care expenditures from 2016-2018, requires the Commission to submit a proposed single payer health care implementation plan to the State House and Senate within a year of filing the report. <p><i>It warrants noting that all of these bills are “emergency laws” that are “necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.” As such, they appear to function as health care omnibus bills, including provisions well beyond those mentioned here.</i></p>
Missouri	Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program (HB 395)	01/04/2017: Introduced. 05/12/2017: Referred to the Committee on Local, State, Federal Relations and Miscellaneous Business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a universal, publicly financed, statewide program; Establishes a board of governors to administer the program; Divides the population of Missouri into six regional health planning and policy development districts with equal population; Maintains employer-sponsored insurance; Establishes an advisory council to assist the board of governors; Creates the Missouri Health Care Trust Fund to finance the program; Establishes an income-based tax; and Eliminates all deductibles and copays.
Nevada	Sprinkle Care (AB 374)	03/20/17: Introduced and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the state to contract with insurers to offer a commercial health plan based on the state’s Medicaid coverage;

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		<p>06/06/17: Passed by State Assembly and Senate.</p> <p>Current Status: <i>Vetoed by governor of Nevada (06/17/17).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows all Nevadans to purchase Medicaid insurance; and • Maintains employer-sponsored insurance.
New Jersey	Healthy New Jersey Act (A 4945)	06/05/17: Introduced; referred to the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the Healthy New Jersey program (HNJP); • Obtains waivers and other approvals related to Medicaid, the State’s Children’s Health Insurance Program, Medicare, and any other federal programs; and • Establishes an independent, Healthy New Jersey Board to administer the HNJP.
New York	New York Health Act (A 4738/S 4840)	<p>02/03/17: Introduced; referred to the Health Committee.</p> <p>Current Status: <i>Passed the NY Assembly; referred to the Senate Health Committee (05/16/17).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the New York Health Program; • Obtains waivers and other approvals related to Medicaid, the State’s Children’s Health Insurance Program, Medicare, and any other federal programs; • Maintains employer-sponsored health insurance; • Implements an income-based payroll tax; • Combines the state funding with federal funds that are currently received for Medicaid, Medicare, and Child Health Plus to treat the New York Health Trust Fund; and • Eliminates copays and deductibles.
Ohio	SB91	03/15/17: Introduced; referred to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the Ohio Health Care Plan (the Plan); • Establishes the Ohio Health Care Agency (the Agency) to administer the Plan; • Creates the Ohio Health Care Board to oversee the Agency and develop and implement health policy; • Maintains employer-sponsored health insurance; • Establishes the Ohio health care fund; and • Eliminates copays and deductibles.
Oregon	Healthcare for All Oregon Plan (SB 1046)	04/04/17: Introduced and referred to Senate Committee on Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a Health Care for All Oregon Board to develop, implement, and oversee the Health Care for All Oregon Plan (the Plan), to be administered by Oregon Health Authority; • Provides comprehensive health coverage to all individuals working or residing in Oregon;

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		<p>Care and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>04/20/17: Held public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health Care.</p> <p>Current Status: <i>Held in Committee upon adjournment (07/07/17).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeals health insurance exchange; • Supplants coverage by private insurers for health services covered by the Plan; • Authorizes Public Employees’ Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to offer supplemental health benefit plans to employees; and • Requires public employees to be covered by Health Care for All Oregon.
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Health Care Plan Act (HB 1688)	10/02/17: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the Pennsylvania Health Care Agency to establish the Pennsylvania Health Care Plan (the Plan); • Establishes the Pennsylvania Health Care Board to oversee the Pennsylvania Health Care Agency; • Creates an Office of Healthcare Ombudsman to represent plan participants’ interests; • Maintains employer-sponsored health insurance; • Institutes a 10% employer tax paid on payroll and 3% personal income tax; • Develops a Pennsylvania Health Care Trust Fund whereby all money collected and received in the Plan is deposited into the fund and used to finance the plan; and • Eliminates copays and deductibles.
Vermont	H.248	02/14/17: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Health Care.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>H. 248/S.53</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the framework for a system of “universal, publicly financed primary care;” • Creates the Universal Primary Care Fund to be the funding source for the program; • Requires the Green Mountain Care Board to establish, monitor, and oversee payments to healthcare providers; • Covers all preventive care and services excluding dental care; and • Eliminates copays and deductibles.
	S. 53	01/27/17: Introduced and referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.	

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Washington	Washington Health Security Trust (H.B. 1026)	01/09/17: Introduced. Current Status: <i>Reintroduced in the 3rd special session (06/21/17).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the submission of a waiver to the federal government to create the Washington Health Security Trust; • Establishes a board of nine trustees and three standing committees: Financial Advisory Committee, Citizens' Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee; • Creates a single benefits package covering health services; and • Does not limit an employer's right to maintain employee benefit plans under the Federal Employee Retirement Income Security.
	Healthy Washington Act (S.B. 5957)	06/16/17: Introduced; referred to the Committee on Health Care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the healthy Washington program that provides comprehensive universal health care coverage and a health care cost control system; • Establishes a healthy Washington board to oversee the program; • Eliminates private health insurance for services or benefits covered under the program; and • Establishes a healthy Washington trust fund and corresponding account, whereby state revenues from the program are deposited.

Red letters = states in session (*including special sessions*)

Black letters= states out of session