Things you can do now to make healthcare coverage for all Hoosiers a reality:

1. Call, email, write or visit your state representative and senator. Let them know how important it is to you and your family to have a single-payer healthcare plan that covers all Hoosiers.

    Find email addresses at:
    www.in.gov/apps/sos/legislator/search/

    Indiana Senate: toll free: (800) 382-9467

    Indiana House of Representatives:
    toll free: (800) 382-9842

2. Encourage your civic group, religious, business organization, trade association or union to en dorse the HCHP campaign.

3. Invite an HCHP speaker to talk to your professional, social, neighborhood or community group.

4. Make a tax deductible donation to HCHP. See our web page www.hchp.info for details.

5. Sign up at www.hchp.info to get email updates on activities around the state.

6. Tell your friends and neighbors about the HCHP campaign.

7. Write a letter to the editor of your newspaper about the need for a comprehensive, single-payer health plan for Indiana.

8. Ask your city council to adopt a resolution calling for a comprehensive, single-payer health plan. See our web page www.hchp.info for details.

9. Contact HCHP to find out what else you can do in your community to help bring universal healthcare to Indiana.

10. Keep checking our web site to see the progress we are making: www.hchp.info

HC HP Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan
Citizens united for universal healthcare

What is HCHP?

HCHP stands for:
Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan.

We are a group of citizens of all ages. Some of us are employed, some are retired and some are students. Our group includes physicians, nurses, and other healthcare workers, as well as many people in other kinds of occupations, including business owners. We are not affiliated with any political party. The one thing we all share is the wish to improve healthcare in Indiana through a single-payer insurance system.

The group was started in 2005 by Dr. Rob Stone, Dr. Chris Stack and Professor Emeritus Milton Fisk. HCHP is the state chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP).

Our plan has been endorsed by civic organizations, religious groups and unions throughout Indiana. Members have united to present "Healthcare for All" in public forums, social and professional groups and community gathering places.

We have made presentations to the Bloomington City Council and at the statehouse as well as to many other organizations around the state. We are collecting petition signatures to support our efforts.

In 2006, the group became registered as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, which means that donations to HCHP qualify as charitable donations for tax purposes. More information is available on our web site.

We are a lively and friendly group of people and welcome your inquiries and your participation. Please check the web site for information on meetings or email us.

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Healthcare in Indiana

- Nearly one in seven Hoosiers—872,000 people— are without any health insurance.

- The rate of uninsured Hoosiers is growing twice as fast as the national average.

- Indiana has the highest rate in the nation of families filing bankruptcy because of medical expenses. In 2004 almost 28,000 Hoosiers filed for this reason, affecting more than 77,000 family members, and 75% of them HAD healthcare coverage at the time they began having health problems.

Healthcare in the United States

We spend more money per person on healthcare than any other country on earth, yet we rank only 37th in the world in quality of care.

The United States is the only country in the industrialized world that does not provide healthcare for all its citizens.

The Health Care System Dinosaur Stumbles Toward the Tar Pit
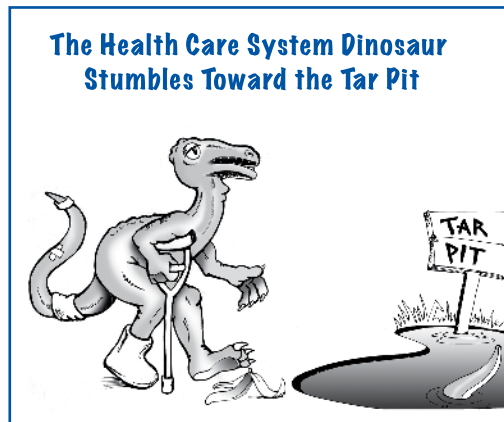
"Healthcare costs in Indiana are among the highest in the country. Our rising cost of health insurance coverage, combined with lost productivity due to illness, has made Indiana a less desirable place to do business."

Governor Mitch Daniels
Quoted in newspapers across the state in June, 2005.

Can we afford healthcare for all?

The fact is that we pay now for healthcare for all—but it is a very poor healthcare at a VERY high cost.

Those with insurance subsidize those without—and the system is so wasteful and inefficient that in this country we pay more and get less for each healthcare dollar than anywhere else in the world.

> A single-payer system would guarantee access to healthcare for every resident of Indiana without increasing overall costs to families or businesses.

A new single-payer system for Indiana

Economic impact studies have repeatedly found that single-payer systems offer the most viable financial solution to the healthcare crisis. For instance Medicare, established 40 years ago, is a single-payer insurance program for everyone over 65 and people with disabilities.

Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan (HCHP) supports legislation that will provide all residents of Indiana with comprehensive healthcare and prescription coverage using a single-payer system.

How a single-payer system would work

A public trust fund would be established, and a board of appointed and publicly elected members from throughout Indiana would administer the plan.

It would expand coverage to all Hoosiers and remove all barriers to medical care while implementing preventative care programs.

A single-payer system would SAVE money by:

Streamlining administrative costs and reducing paperwork. In Indiana, we estimate that every year this will save over $1 billion.

Negotiating bulk rates for drugs, medical equipment and supplies.

Controlling costs through determining budgets for hospitals and by negotiating fees with physicians.

Combining current sources of state health spending into a single fund. Modest new taxes would be fully offset by reductions in premiums and in out-of-pocket spending.

Implementing preventive care programs and by treating medical problems promptly when they occur, rather than waiting until people become more seriously ill and require more complex and expensive treatment.

Where would the money come from?

- Money would come from a public trust fund, a progressive income tax, and a payroll tax.

- These taxes would replace current private insurance premiums, co-pays and deductibles.

- Every employer and every taxpayer will contribute to a healthcare fund administered by the state. These total contributions are estimated to be LESS than the amount that most families and employers in Indiana pay now.

Is this socialized medicine?

No. In socialized medicine, the government owns the hospitals and employs the doctors. In a single-payer system, doctors, hospitals and other providers remain the same. Hoosiers will have the right to choose their own doctors and hospitals. Healthcare providers, hospitals and pharmacies will remain private businesses.