



Health Care is a Human Right

It's time to take the next step with our healthcare system.

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Health Care Is a Human Right-Washington is a campaign composed of supporting organizations and individuals from throughout the state standing together to create a health system based on the recognition that health care is a universal human right.

Our Strategy for Achieving Health Care for All

One in ten Washington state residents is living without health insurance. Now is the time to take action to win health care that covers everyone in our state.

Under the Affordable Care Act, starting in 2017 states may apply for a waiver that will allow us to fund our universal healthcare system in part using federal health funds. The state of Vermont is expected to be the first state to apply for a waiver to establish a universal health care system. Health care advocates in several other states, most notably California, are also anticipating applying for the waiver.

If a state meets the standards established by Section 1332 of the ACA, they can then utilize all the dollars that flow to the state through the ACA and other federal health care programs for purposes of funding the state-based system. The Health Care Is a Human Right – WA campaign is building a movement in our state to apply for a waiver to create a universal health care system for all Washington residents based on human rights principles.

In February 2015, we introduced a bill in the state House and Senate, HB1321 and SB5305, which garnered 30 co-sponsors in the House and 15 in the Senate. The bill declared the state's intent to cover all Washington residents by the year 2020. This strategy is similar to the one that was used to achieve health care coverage for all kids in Washington. We will re-introduce this legislation in the 2016 session.

How organizations can help

Our strength lies in our ability to mobilize every Washingtonian who supports fixing our broken health care system. To do this, we need like-minded organizations to sponsor our campaign, both financially, with in-kind resources, and by mobilizing members to get involved.

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