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Medicare-for-All Voter Guide

NC General Election – November 3, 2026

About this Non-partisan Voter Guide

While there are many important issues on the ballot this November, no issue is more important than the rapidly rising cost of healthcare. This Medicare-for-All Voter Guide was designed to inform North Carolina voters about their congressional candidates' commitment to what we know is the best solution for our healthcare crisis: a simplified single payer system, more popularly known as Medicare for All.

This guide was created for you by volunteer members of the NC Medicare for All Coalition. The information contained in this guide was gathered via a candidate survey in August 2026. We asked candidates for U.S. House and U.S. Senate two questions:

Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act?
Will you sign the Profits over Patients pledge?

By signing the pledge (https://patientsoverprofits.org/), candidates agree that they will not accept contributions over $200 from executives, lobbyists, and PACs affiliated with the hospital, insurance, and pharmaceutical corporations.

When candidates reply "yes" to either or both of our questions, voters have some assurance that the candidate understands the need to put the health, well-being, and safety of their constituents over corporate health industry profits. Many candidates did not respond. This is disappointing because polls show that 65% of all voters support a Medicare for All system.

About Medicare for All

Under a single-payer, Medicare for All system, residents would have maximum choice of private medical providers. Care decisions would be made by healthcare providers rather than insurance corporations. There would be no insurance premiums, deductibles, co-pays, surprise billing, or medical debt. Bureaucracy would be streamlined. Healthcare costs would be reduced through a more efficient financing system. Both the House (www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/3069) and Senate (www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/1506) bills provide funding for displaced healthcare and insurance workers' transition to new jobs.

What YOU Can Do - *A Call to Action!*

If the candidate running in your district did not indicate they would co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act, or did not agree to sign the pledge, ***please call to let them know you've noticed this***! Tell them why you want single payer health reform.

To contact the candidate's campaign, learn more about their positions, or the 2026 NC general election, visit www.vote411.org/north-carolina. Once you are on the vote411 web page, you can check your voter registration to make sure it is active, and find the date and location of sites for early voting (October 15 - 31) ahead of the Nov. 3rd election. ***Your vote is your voice!***

U.S. SENATE

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Roy Cooper (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Michael Whatley (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Michael Dublin (Green)	YES	YES
Shannon W. Bray (Libertarian)	NO	NO

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Don Davis (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Laurie Buckhout (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Tom Bailey (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Deborah Ross (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Eugene Douglass (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Matthew Laszacs (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Raymond Smith (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Greg Murphy (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Daniel Cavender (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Valerie Foushee (Democrat)	YES	NO RESPONSE
Mahesh (Max) Ganorkar (Rep.)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Guy Meilleur (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Chuck Hubbard (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Virginia Foxx (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Robert Luffmander (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Cyril Jefferson (Democrat)	YES	YES
Addison McDowell (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Kimberly Hardy (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
David Rouzer (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Maad Abu-Ghazalah (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Colby Watson (Democrat)	YES	YES
Mark Harris (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Bo Whitehead (Green)	YES	YES

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Richard N. Ojeda II (Democrat)	YES	YES
Richard Hudson (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Ashley Bell (Democrat)	YES	YES
Patrick Harrigan (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Dr. Steve Feldman (Libertarian)	NO	NO

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Jamie Ager (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Jennifer Capps Balkcom (Rep.)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Travis Groo (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Alma S. Adams (Democrat)	YES	NO RESPONSE
Jack Codiga (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 13

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Paul Barringer (Democrat)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Brad Knott (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE
Steven Swinton (Libertarian)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 14

	Will you co-sponsor the Medicare for All Act – a universal, single-payer healthcare system?	Will you sign the Patients Over Profits Pledge?
Lakesha Womack (Democrat)	YES	YES
Tim Moore (Republican)	NO RESPONSE	NO RESPONSE

Register and VOTE during Early Voting: Oct. 15 - 31

or VOTE on Election Day Nov. 3

NOW is the Time: Join our Coalition to Make Healthcare Right!

Sign up at **www.ncM4A.org**

Founded in 2020, the NC Medicare for All Coalition is a non-partisan coalition with over 30 member organizations across the state. Our mission is to educate and activate North Carolinians about the benefits of improved Medicare for All and to help mobilize grassroots pressure for its passage. We believe healthcare should be a public service available to everyone, not bought and sold as if it were a commodity.

PNHP
PHYSICIANS FOR A NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The Public Option Does Not Fix our Broken Healthcare System!

Single Payer vs. Public Option

	Single Payer	'Public Option'
Universal Coverage	**Yes.** Everyone is covered automatically at birth.	**No.** A public option would offer one more choice of insurer, but would not expand coverage. About 28 million people would remain uninsured.
Full Range of Benefits	**Yes.** Coverage for all medically necessary services. Would eliminate co-payments and deductibles.	**No.** A public option would probably offer the same benefits as current private insurers or Medicare (which covers about half of seniors' total medical expenses). Since (as discussed below) a public option would realize only minor administrative savings, a public plan that offered more generous benefits would either have high premiums or require large subsidies.
Choice of Doctor and Hospital	**Yes.** Patients would have a free choice of doctor and hospital.	**No.** The public option would have to mimic the practices of private insurers – e.g. using restrictive networks of providers, and imposing co-payments and deductibles – to successfully "compete" in the marketplace, lest its finances spiral out of control.
Savings	**Yes.** Would redirect about $500 billion annually in administrative waste to care; no net increase in health spending.	**No .**Would leave intact most of the wasteful bureaucracy and excessive paperwork that stem from our current multiplicity of private and public plans. Would forgo more than 80 percent of administrative savings achievable under a single payer, and add a new layer of administration. Moreover, the collapse of most of the ACA's CO-OP plans cautions that a public plan would face financial failure unless it emulated private insurers' efforts to avoid unprofitable patients and impose burdensome co-payments, deductibles, narrow networks and utilization review requirements.
Cost Control/Sustainability	**Yes.** Large-scale cost controls (negotiated fee schedule with physicians, bulk purchasing of drugs, hospital budgeting, capital planning, etc.) would ensure that benefits are sustainable over the long term.	**No.** As one plan among many, it could not globally budget hospitals or implement rational health planning. It would lack the clout to effectively negotiate drug prices.
Progressive Financing	**Yes.** Premiums and out-of-pocket costs would be replaced by progressive income and wealth taxes.	**No.** Would continue the current regressive financing of health care, with middle- and low-income people paying a far larger share of income than the wealthy.
Like Medicare?	**Better.** Guaranteed lifetime enrollment; more comprehensive benefits; and no out-of-pocket costs.	**No.** No guaranteed enrollment. No guaranteed choice of doctor and hospital.