



Health Care for All - California

SINGLE-PAYER UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Dear Supporter,

This holiday season as we connect with family and friends, we are also deeply grateful for the connection we have in this historic struggle to guarantee health care for all in California.

Winning this fundamental right for the people of our state and setting an example for the country has never been more urgent as pressure mounts to privatize Medicare. **This message focuses on making single payer happen in California while protecting Traditional Medicare.** Please read and get involved. Thank you.

So first...

Thank you to everyone who took action this year! Together we:

lobbied legislators
engaged with the CalCare campaign
took part in Commission meetings
signed petitions and wrote postcards
built community alliances
reached out to unions
spread news through social and conventional media
organized and tuned in to webinars
rallied, caravaned and tabled
contributed financially to HCA and the HCA - Education Fund
supported high-priority Assembly candidate **Pilar Schiavo**



And now...

All-Hands on Deck for AB 1400-CalCare!

Here's what's happening...

In just two weeks, the legislature will be back in session with the race on to move the bill through the Assembly. Between January 3rd and the end of the month, there are three hard deadlines. The bill must:

- Pass the Assembly Health Committee by January 14

- Pass the Appropriations Committee by January 21
- Pass the full Assembly by January 31

If the bill fails to meet any of these deadlines, it will fail to move forward.

Here's what you can do...

Contact voters in committee members' districts and urge them to call their legislators. We need to move constituents to inundate committee members with "Pass the bill!" messages.

Organizers with the California Nurses Association are directing this effort. Sign up when alerted. If you're not already in contact with the CNA CalCare campaign, ask to get on the mailing list. act.medicare4all.org/signup/calcare-mfa/

Start TONIGHT! Attend a virtual phone banking "party" at 6 p.m. Learn how to make the calls and do it at the same time as other activists. Find out more and [register here](#).

Ongoing: Get all the info you need about the bill and ways to advance it at: bit.ly/calcarehandout.

About financing for AB 1400...

At the start of this year, author Ash Kalra (D-San Jose) said the bill was not advancing because colleagues wanted to see a financing plan. Kalra recently wrote to the head of the Healthy California for All Commission requesting that consultants produce a financing model for AB 1400. Read Kalra's appeal, signed by bill co-authors, [here](#).

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### **Stop the Biden Administration from Privatizing Medicare!**

#### **Here's what's happening...**

The Affordable Care Act of 2010 provided for experimentation within Medicare to seek ways of lowering costs without diminishing care. The Trump administration proposed shifting millions of Traditional Medicare recipients into managed care arrangements administered by profit-driven companies. (aka Direct Contracting Entities) President Biden's appointee to oversee Medicare innovation, [Liz Fowler](#), is in favor of continuing this plan. It is vital this be stopped in its tracks. Physicians for a National Health Program is leading the opposition. Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) is collecting signatures from Congressional colleagues on a letter to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra to halt the program.

#### **Here's what you can do...**

*Call the Congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121. State your representative's name or press '2' to enter your zip code. Leave a message that you want the DCE program halted (see script below) or ask staff if your representative has signed on to the Jayapal letter calling for a halt to the DCE program. Thank them if the answer is yes; if no, ask your representative to sign on.*

**Script for calling:** Dr. Susan Rogers, PNHP President 12/17/21 [email](#). (Includes names of signees at the time.)

[Group letter to Becerra](#) contains Rep. Jayapal's request of colleagues and the letter they are to sign

**Learn more:**

[Opinion piece by Rep. Jayapal and Dr. Susan Rogers, PNHP president](#)

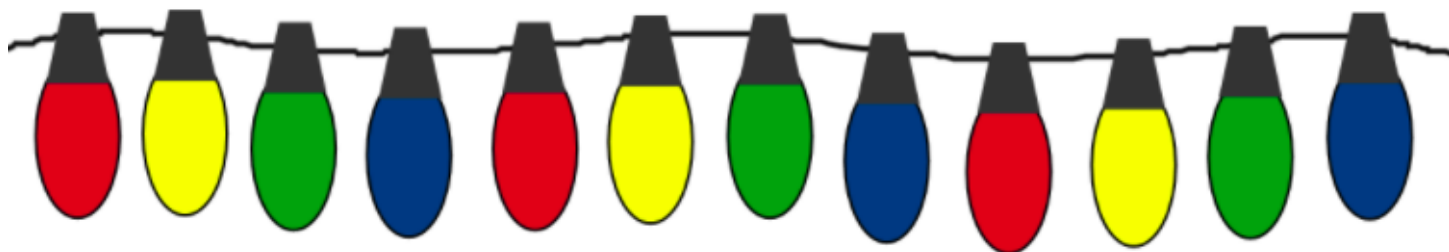
[Fact sheet on DCE's](#)

[DCE powerpoint slides by Ed Weisbart](#)

[Article from Counterpunch](#)

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Sending warm wishes for this holiday season and the new year!  
Ellen Karel, HCA Chair



# Happy Holidays!

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Membership

We can't do this without your support! Your membership provides vital funding for ongoing outreach to voters and public officials. Robust membership also demonstrates the depth of support for single-payer universal healthcare. You can either [join online](#) or [print a membership form](#) to mail in with a check.

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