



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## How Close is U.S. to National Health Insurance?

You're paying the bill for Medicaid and it's huge. Under the un-Affordable Care Act, nearly 15 million new people enrolled in Medicaid. The cost to taxpayers per enrollee is between \$6,000 and \$9,000 per year. In 2019 alone, that added nearly \$94 billion to federal taxpayers. During COVID-19, enrollment increased by 18.2 million people.

And if you're wondering where all the workers have gone, many people left their jobs or reduced their hours to maintain Medicaid benefits. In case you don't know, insurers get nearly 75 percent of their revenue from government programs. Do they care about private health insurance anymore? How close are we to national health insurance because of Medicaid and Medicare?

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