



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## Reality Check on Medicare for All

Health care stocks are taking a hit in the market because of the Medicare for All discussions and the lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act, but health plans are “in the pink.” For example, UnitedHealth Group’s revenues were up 9 percent and profits were up 19 percent over last year at this time.

Health plans are doing well primarily because the Affordable Care Act gave them the entire market and eliminated their competition, the affordable indemnity policy.

While Medicare for All could become law, it’s unlikely any time soon. It may be more of a 2020 campaign strategy. Besides, Democrats would need full control, which is rare, and seasoned Democrats remember how Obamacare led to massive losses at the ballot box. Would they really risk it again?

**“UnitedHealth Beats Q1 Projections, But Medicare-for-All Talk Starts Stock Sell-Off,”**

Paige Minemyer, Fierce Healthcare, April 16, 2019:

<https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/payer/unitedhealth-beats-wall-street-projections-q1-9-revenue-bump-but-medicare-for-all-talk-kicks>

**“UnitedHealth CEO’s ‘Medicare for All’ Bashing Sends Payer, Provider Shares Tumbling,”** Samantha Liss, Healthcare Dive, April 17, 2019:

<https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/unitedhealth-ceos-medicare-for-all-bashing-sends-payer-provider-shares/552943/>

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