

financial ruin- illness and medical bills contribute to two-thirds of all bankruptcies in the United States. Further, there are major racial inequities in this crisis, as three quarters of uninsured adults in Maryland are people of color.

“Medicare for All” refers to a collection of legislative proposals that aim to expand Medicare into a federal single-payer system that provides health care to all Americans. Ideally, Medicare for All would provide full coverage without premiums, co-pays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and ensure patients a free choice of doctors.

Medicare for All is overwhelmingly popular with the public, as 69% of Americans support the proposal. Baltimore City joins these citizens and enthusiastically supports Medicare for All and calls on our federal legislators to work toward enactment of Medicare for All, as described in the United States Senate and House of Representatives Medicare for All Acts of 2023, ensuring comprehensive health care for all Americans.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That Baltimore City expresses its support for state-level single payer legislation and calls on Maryland’s State legislators to work toward legislation to guarantee the same comprehensive health care coverage to all Maryland residents, whether through federal or State legislative action.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Mayor, the Honorable members of the Maryland delegations to the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.