

**OUR  
VISION  
FOR THE  
FUTURE:**



**YOU'RE COVERED.  
PERIOD.**

Today almost one million Ohioans have no health insurance, and many more are underinsured. Globally, all other wealthy countries provide universal health care for far less than our costs, and often produce better health care outcomes. The reason – they view health care as a human right.

No one in Ohio should face financial ruin, declines in health, or premature death because they cannot afford needed care.

SPAN Ohio supports lifetime comprehensive health care for everyone as the solution.

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“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.” –Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Realizing  
the Human Right  
to  
Health Care**

## About SPAN Ohio

### Who We Are

We are a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals in Ohio seeking fundamental health care reform in our state and country so that every resident is guaranteed full and comprehensive coverage. This includes the full range of medical services, hospitalization, prescriptions, vision care, dental care, mental health care, home care, long-term care, hospice care and care for all injuries and illnesses.

### Our Mission

The mission of the Single Payer Action Network Ohio (SPAN Ohio) is to educate the citizens and legislators of Ohio to the need and advocate for a fundamental change in our healthcare system so that all residents have affordable access to healthcare through a publically funded, privately delivered comprehensive system that fulfills the basic human right to healthcare.

### What We Do

We carry out a variety of programs designed to educate and inform on the need for truly **universal** health care, including:

- Providing speakers on single payer to groups and organizations
- Distributing educational literature
- Organizing public meetings
- Lobbying legislators



### EVERYONE IN ONE PLAN

A single, universal health care plan that covers everyone, offering the same comprehensive benefits to all Ohio residents.

### AFFORDABLE AND EQUITABLE

Universal health care will be publicly financed, based on an individual's ability to pay. This approach will minimize the burden on any one sector. A viable funding mechanism will be determined by the political process to ensure it is affordable, equitable, stable, and sustainable.

### MISSION, NOT MONEY DRIVEN

Health care in America has drifted away from its healing roots and toward a corporate enterprise that views patients as consumers, and a source for ever-increasing profits. SPAN Ohio is working to return health care to its real mission – maintaining health and healing the sick.

## SPAN OHIO GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION

Preventive services will be integrated with primary care to assure early detection and treatment of problems. SPAN Ohio promotes health maintenance, encouraging individuals toward healthy lifestyle choices.

### CHOICE OF PROVIDER

Ohioans will be able to choose any doctor, clinic, hospital or other licensed health service provider. Doctors and patients would regain autonomy over patient care. Decisions about an individual's health care would be made solely by the patient and his/her doctor, not outside parties.

### GET INVOLVED

- Sign up on our website for our electronic newsletter and to get action alerts.
- Invite a SPAN speaker to a meeting, get together or house party.
- Write letters to the editor to educate others.
- Ask your elected representatives to support Health Care for ALL Ohioans.