

The Realities of Single-Payer Healthcare

*How the New York Health Act
would impact businesses*

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What is Unshackle Upstate

Unshackle Upstate is a non-partisan employer and taxpayer advocacy coalition...

...fighting to make Upstate New York a more affordable place to live and a stronger place to do business.



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The Realities of Single Payer

Who we are

Coalition of small and large business owners, labor unions, health care providers and plans, brokers and other New Yorkers who share our mission.



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Core Values

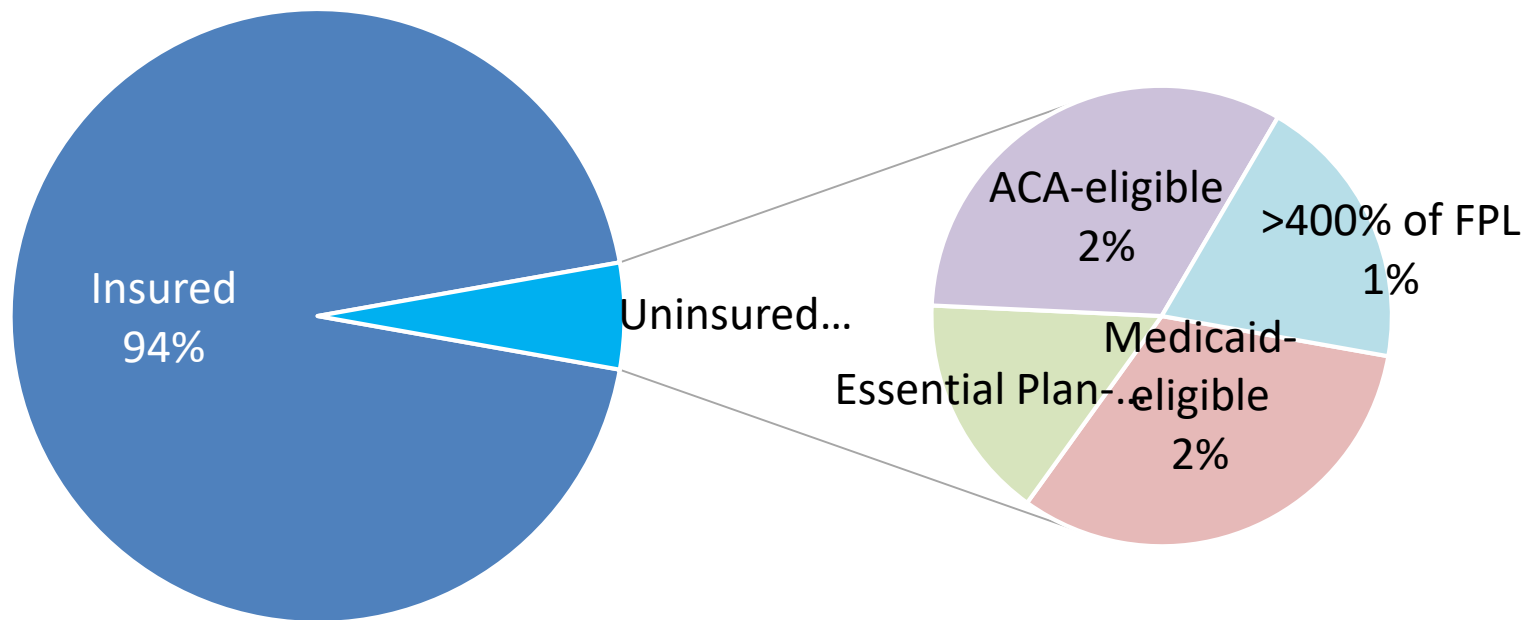
We believe the best way to provide quality, affordable healthcare to all is through a combination of private- and government-funded health insurance.



We are working to ensure a variety of healthcare coverage options – employer-based, private and public health insurance programs – rather than forcing all New Yorkers to use a single government-run health insurance program.

Achieving Universal Coverage

Nearly 95% of New Yorkers are currently covered under some form of insurance...



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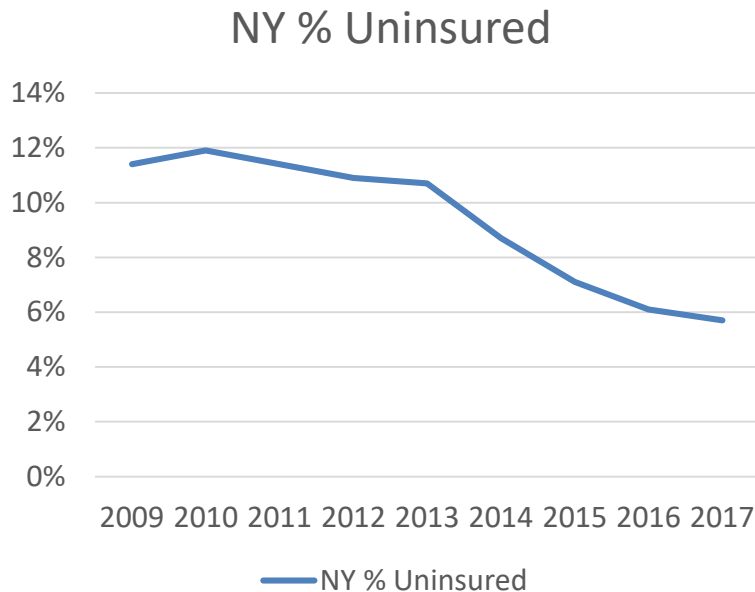
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Achieving Universal Coverage

Number of uninsured has decreased by nearly 50% since 2009...



NY Uninsured	2009	2017	Net Change
Rate	11.4%	5.7%	-5.7%
Number	2,195,000	1,113,000	-1,082,000



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The New York Health Act

- Carried by Assm. Gottfried and Sen. Rivera (Health Chairs)
- First introduced by Gottfried in 1974
- First time it has a Majority Sponsor in the Senate
- Received a legislative hearing this May



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The New York Health Act

Who Would Be Covered?

Applies to all New York residents – without residency duration requirements.

Outlaws all private insurance coverage including-

- Employer-sponsored coverage
- Union coverage, both private and state employees
- Medicare



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What Would Be Covered?

- No premiums, deductibles, or other cost-sharing
- Coverage for inpatient and outpatient services, prescription drugs, dental, vision and rehabilitation
- Includes all services required under state insurance law or covered for state employees and enrollees in Medicaid, Medicare and Child Health Plus
- Long-term care



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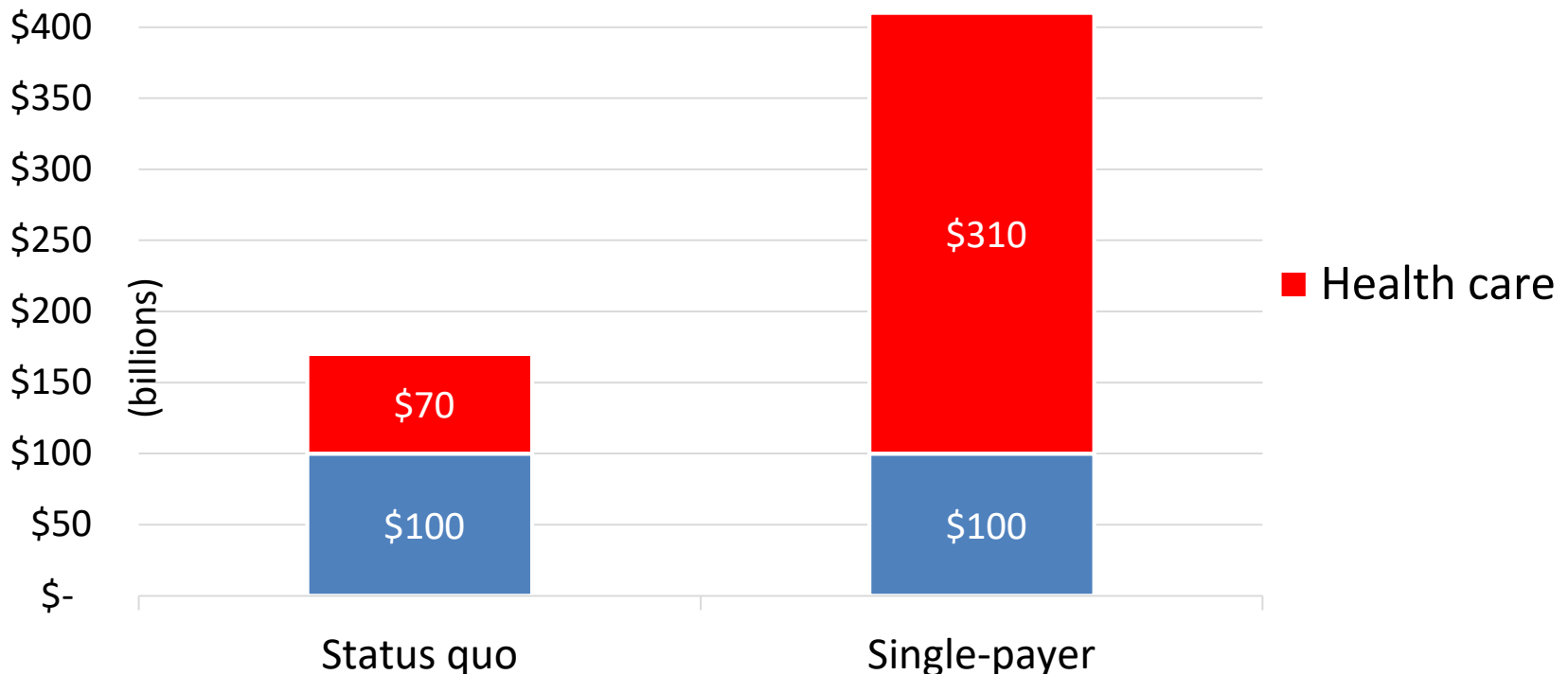
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What would this cost?



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How would this be funded?



In fiscal year 2017-2018, the New York State Tax Department collected \$76 billion in tax revenues.

If a single-payer scheme is enacted, the State would need to collect **an additional \$253 billion in taxes** to pay for it.



This would be **the single largest tax increase** in the history of New York State.

(Impact data according to NYSCOP analysis)

EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS WILL PAY HIGHER TAXES UNDER A SINGLE-PAYER SCHEME



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How would this be funded?

- Imposes an unlimited, progressively graduated payroll tax on employers and employees
- Tax rate set annually in the state budget to cover the cost
- Assumes approval of all necessary federal waivers

80%

Paid by Employers

20%

Paid by Employees



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What is the economic impact?

- This proposal **eliminates 150,000 jobs** in the healthcare and insurance industry across the state
- Spin off effect of healthcare industry losses will ripple throughout the state economy
- Increasing taxes on businesses and high income earners will chase more residents out of the state



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Where does this stand today?

- No vote expected in 2019
- Hearings to be held across New York over the coming months
- Expect this to be a top priority for the Legislature in 2020
- Governor Andrew Cuomo opposes single payer in favor of a Universal Coverage Commission



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What can you do to learn more?

Realities of Single Payer Cards



YES! I want to join the Realities of Single Payer and receive the most up-to-date information on how the coalition is working to educate policymakers about the problems with a government-run, single payer health care system.

Name _____
Employer Name _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I am willing to participate in the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> List my company as a member of the RSP | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit others to join the RSP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a legislative hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact me about organizing my employees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write a Letter to the Editor | <input type="checkbox"/> Write/call my Local Legislator |

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Here's what you can do:

- Visit our website: realitiesofsinglepayer.com
- Join the Realities of Single Payer. Visit our website and Click Join to become part of the coalition and receive updates on our efforts.
- Take Action! Visit our website and Click Action to write a letter to your local legislators or a letter to the editor.



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What can you do to learn more?

Attend upcoming hearings



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