

Progress to Date

Health Care for **ALL** Oregon

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HCAO at the 2015 Healthcare NOW! Conference in Chicago

People in Oregon are suffering, dying, and facing bankruptcy because our health insurance system fails them. This is wrong. This is immoral. This cannot continue.

Health Care for All-Oregon (HCAO) is organizing to ensure every person in Oregon has access to an equitable, affordable, comprehensive, high-quality, publicly funded universal health care system—a system that will save lives and save money at the same time.

HCAO has done some important work in the last three years. Our accomplishments as of October 31, 2015 include the following...

- Organizing local action groups in 14 counties and working to form at least 1 group in every OR Senate district.
- Increasing our list of organizational members to 120—with more joining every month.
- Increasing our database to more than 18,000 supporters—with more added daily.
- Growing our contributor list to more than 800 donors who have contributed over \$500,000 to date.
- Contracting with economist Gerald Friedman to conduct a study on the costs and benefits of creating a “Medicare for ALL” type system in Oregon.
- Bringing 1,200 universal care advocates to Salem in February 2015 for a rally that included visits with 70 legislators.
- Having 120 advocates attend a hearing on SB 631 held May 4, 2015 before the Senate Health Care Committee.
- Completing 2 professional voter polls—one to determine support for a ballot measure on publicly financed health care and a 2nd on amending the Oregon Constitution to declare that Health Care is a Human Right.
- Helping obtain state funding for HB2828, a bill that provides \$300,000 to study models for financing a universal health care system in Oregon.

Every year 600 people in Oregon die and another 8,000 suffer financial ruin all because they lack access to affordable health care.

Should health care be a human right? 77% of Oregonians polled think so!

HCAO member organizations & allies attend our Rally in Salem



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Nurses for single payer health care
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Plans

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HCAO's organizing emphasizes education and awareness efforts to reach and engage people throughout Oregon. With your help we are building effective statewide education programs and a strong infrastructure that supports our thousands of volunteers and allies. With your help universal, publicly funded, high-quality health care—think improved Medicare for ALL—will become a reality for everyone in Oregon!



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Our objectives for 2016 (and beyond) include ...

- Increasing the reach of our statewide educational programs;
- Increasing our base of support on all fronts;
- Adding staff and otherwise enhancing our infrastructure in 2016;
- Lobbying the 2017 legislature to create a funded work group of stakeholders charged with designing a health care system based on the HB 2828 study recommendations.
- Writing a bill with a defined tax structure by 2018;
- Lobbying the legislature to place advisory questions on the 2018 ballot—a way to engage voters on our issues and inform the legislative process prior to voting on a measure in 2020;
- Lobbying the legislature to refer our plan to the voters for the 2020 ballot in the 2019 or 2020 session;
- Collecting signatures to qualify an initiative petition supporting publicly funded health care on the 2020 ballot should the legislature fail to refer an appropriate bill to the voters; and
- Continuing work with our allies to educate the public while coordinating with other local, state, and national campaigns all to make universal, publicly funded health care a reality in Oregon.

HCAO's ultimate goal is to secure the support of 1.1 million voters who want comprehensive, equitable, publicly funded universal Health Care for All Oregonians. Our strategy for the final ballot measure year (2020) calls for gathering 150,000+ ballot measure signatures, knocking on the doors of 200,000 registered voters, and making 600,000 phone contacts. It also calls for raising at least \$7 million to roll out an extensive paid media campaign.



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