

Nurses for Single Payer June 2019



Action Alert! Mon, June 17 Hearing on SB770 - Oregon's Universal Health Care Bill

Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) is calling all single payer activists to attend the hearing in Salem, submit written testimony, and contact their legislators. Check out HCAO's [Facebook page](#) for details. The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. James Manning of Eugene, spoke passionately about this bill and his optimism about its passage at HCAO's annual meeting on June 8. And check out the fantastic [testimony submitted in support of SB770](#) by NFSP Secretary Robin Tarter.

Volunteer for Single Payer Outreach!

HCAO is organizing a number of tabling opportunities in the Portland Metro area this summer, starting with next weekend! If you've got a couple hours available, join the team tabling at Sunday Parkways, farmers' markets, or Good in the Hood. No experience needed. Here is a link to the full [HCAO Metro Chapter calendar](#).

- 6/22-6/23: Good in the Hood Festival, NE Portland (Contact Nancy at 503-284-3771, or nancyhs@gmail.com)
 - 6/30: Sunday Parkways in North Portland (contact Karen Boyer at 971-570-0169 or emasaal@gmail.com)
 - 7/21: Sunday Parkways in Outer NE Portland (contact Kathy Showalter at 571-282-9594 or ksmlcom@gmail.com)
 - 8/25 Sunday Parkways Downtown & Inner SE PDX (contact Karen)
 - 9/22 Sunday Parkways ini NE Portland (contact Karen)
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Nurses for Single Payer elects 2019 Board

In May, a fabulous new slate of leaders were elected: President Carole Most, VP J.R. McLain, Treasurer Tom Sincic, Secretary Robin Tarter, and Board Members Betsy Zucker, David Young, Kathy Birch, Lea Wilcox-Sanders, Maureen Andersen, Nancy Sullivan, and Rachel Prusak. Read more about each of these nurse activists on our [website](#).

Update on Single Payer Legislation

- In Oregon, SB770A would create a funded task force to design a state-based single payer system. If this passes, it will be a milestone in moving toward a single payer, universal health care plan in Oregon. This bill has more support than any prior Oregon single payer bill. By the end of June, we'll know if it has passed into law!
- In Congress, there are two bills to create national single payer systems, S.1129 (Bernie Sanders' Medicare for All Act) and HR 1384, (Rep. Jayapal's Medicare for All Act of 2019). Neither will pass with a Republican Senate, but the House Bill has been reviewed in three first-ever Congressional hearings this year, most recently in the Ways and Means Committee on June 12. This is more evidence for the growing support for Medicare for All in Congress and throughout the country. Rep. Blumenauer is a strong supporter of the bill and he and others spoke at a [press conference](#) after the hearing.

National Single Payer Strategy Conference - October 18-20, here in Portland

This will be an exciting event for new activists as well as those who have been involved for many years. We encourage everyone to sign up soon! More information [here](#).

Nurses for Single Payer is a small, Portland-based organization of energized nurses who believe the health care is a human right. As an active coalition member of [Health Care for All Oregon \(hcao.org\)](#), we focus on informing nurses about the active and growing campaign to bring universal health care to our state. We have a dynamic board and group of volunteers, and invite you to join us and get involved.



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