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Medicare for All and Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

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Long Term Services and Supports

“Long-term services and supports (LTSS) are defined as the services and supports used by individuals of all ages with functional limitations and chronic illnesses who need assistance to perform routine daily activities such as bathing, dressing, preparing meals, and administering medications.”

- National Governors' Association, [Long-Term Services and Supports: Challenges and Opportunities for States in Difficult Budget Times](#)



Long Term Services and Supports

<u>Employer</u>	49%
<u>Non-Group</u>	7%
<u>Medicaid</u>	*19%*
<u>Medicare</u>	14%
<u>Other Public</u>	2%
<u>Uninsured</u>	9%

LTSS is almost entirely provided by Medicaid.

Private insurance and Medicare effectively **do not** cover LTSS.



Long Term Services and Supports

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are LTSS, but not all LTSS are HCBS.

For people with disabilities, access to HCBS is a **civil rights issue**.

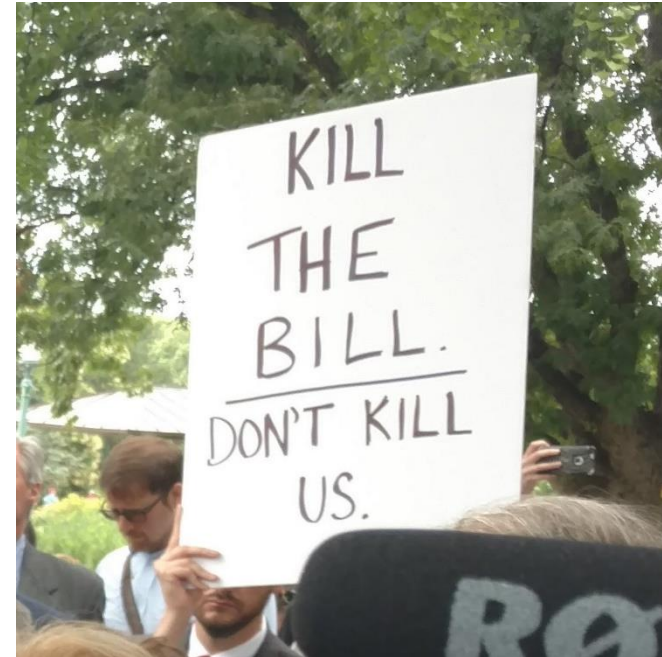
For other populations, HCBS are the preferred kind of LTSS to receive.



Long Term Services and Supports

The disability community **will not** support health care reform proposals that harm or do not improve coverage for LTSS.

[CCD Disability Principles for Inclusion of Long Term Service and Supports \(LTSS\) in Universal Health Care](#)



LTSS in Health Care Reform in 2019

- LTSS Specific Proposals
- Medicare For All



LTSS Specific Proposals

- “Disability Integration Act”
 - Sen. Schumer, S.910 / Rep. Sensenbrenner, H.R. 2472
- “Medicare Long-Term Care Services and Supports Act of 2018”
 - Rep. Pallone, Discussion Draft
- “Transition to Independence”
 - Rep. Langevin, H.R. 4931 / Sens. Grassley, Casey, and Wyden



Medicare For All and LTSS

- Universal Health Care*
- Single Payer
- Public Option
- Eliminating For-Profit Health Care
- Eliminating Managed Care



Medicare For All and LTSS

"Medicare for All" / Single Payer

- Sen. Sanders (previously S. 1804)
- Rep. Jayapal (previously H.R. 676, sponsored by Rep. Ellison)



Medicare For All and LTSS

Broad Public Option Bills

- “Medicare for America” - Rep. DeLauro and Rep. Schakowsky, H.R. 7339
- “The Choice Act” - Rep. Schakowsky, H.R. 635/Sen. Whitehouse, S. 194
- “Medicare X” - Sens. Bennet and Kaine, S. 1970/Rep. Higgins, H.R. 4049
- “Choose Medicare Act” - Sens. Murphy and Merkley, S. 2708/Rep. Richmond, H.R. 6117



Medicare For All and LTSS

Public Option for Limited Populations

- “The Medicare at 55 Act” - Sen. Stabenow, S. 1742
- “Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act” - Rep. Higgins, H.R. 3748

Other Ideas:

- “Medicare Extra” - Center for American Progress
- The Healthy America Program - Urban Institute



Medicaid For All

What they're not:

- 1619(b)
- Medicaid Buy-Ins for People with Disabilities

What they are:

- "State Public Option Act" - Sen Schatz, S. 2001 / Rep. Luján, H.R. 4129



LTSS For All

What does LTSS for All look like?

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- CCD Disability Principles for Health Care Reform

ALL MEANS ALL.





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Questions?