

Health Care For All

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Health Care for All Minnesota Northfield Chapter
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City of Northfield

Vision

Northfield is an open, safe, and welcoming community, recognized for its world-class colleges and historic riverfront downtown, and is dedicated to sustainably enhancing and preserving its vibrant culture, celebrated arts, strong economy, and an excellent quality of life where all can thrive.

Mission

The City of Northfield works for the common good of our residents and businesses and the improvement of our community by providing excellent, innovative municipal services that carry out the City's vision for a high quality of life for all.

Northfield Human Rights Commission

Human Rights statement in support of the plea for racial and social justice in the United States

We stand in solidarity with all people seeking social justice, especially racial justice with the Black and African American communities. We are at a historic moment in the pursuit of justice, fairness and equity for all people and we must seize this moment and work even harder towards changes in all institutions. Being silent is not an option and we actively want to add our voices to this ongoing plea for change.

The murder of George Floyd, as we know, is not an isolated tragic loss but one embedded in a long history of inequality, different access to opportunities, lack of fair housing, discriminatory lending practices and disproportionate access to health care; injustices that started during slavery in the United States. We see this unfair treatment and lack of access happening in the State of Minnesota as well as all over the country and the world.

Our hope and our work as a City of Northfield Commission is to do everything in our power to elevate the concerns and voices of those who for so long have been silenced, oppressed, and ignored.

-Northfield Human Rights Commission

Read at the Northfield City Council meeting on June 17, 2020

Agenda

1. Introduction to Universal Health Care
2. The Problem with the US Health Care System
3. Health Policy Alternatives
4. Next Steps
5. Questions

Universal Health Care is “all people receiving the care they need without financial hardship”

-World Health Organization

How Do We Treat Health Care in the US?

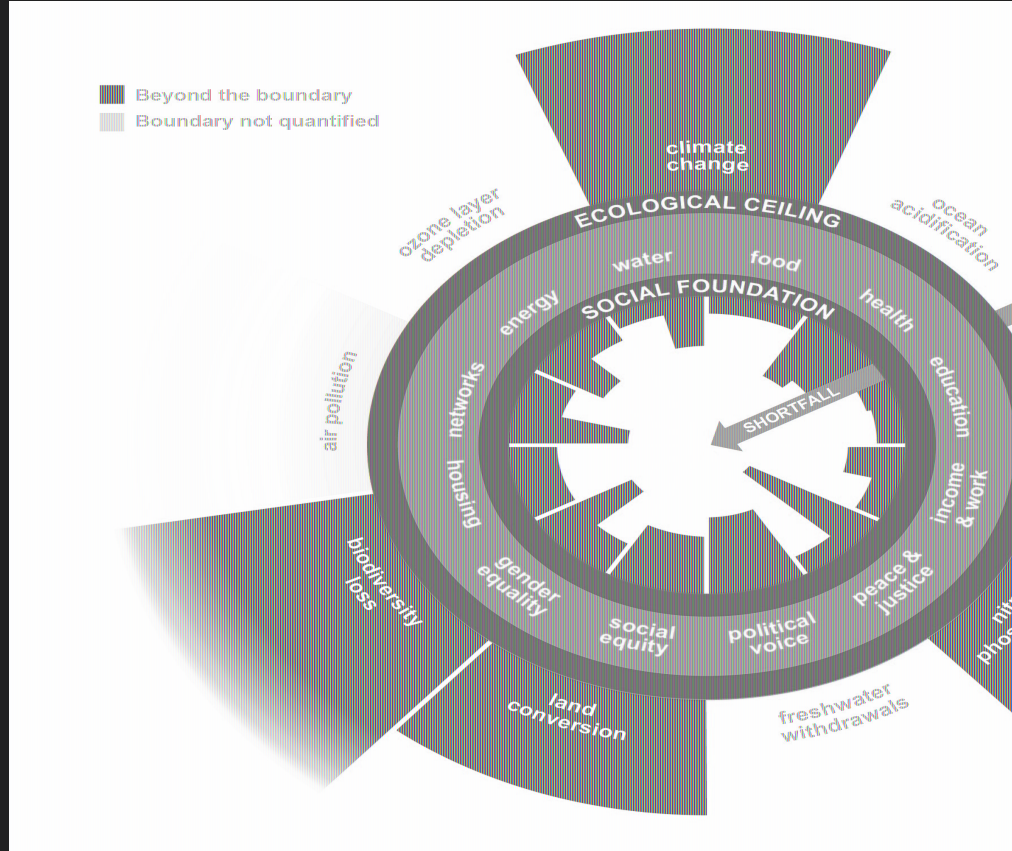
**A human right
available to all on
equal terms**



**A private product
whose financing
is an individual
responsibility**

“Should the child of a poor American family have the same chance of avoiding preventable illness or of being cured from a given illness as does the child of a rich American family?” -Uwe E. Reinhardt

The Need for Health Care For All



“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhuman.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Should Health Care Be a Fundamental Human Right?

Public Libraries

Fire Department

Police
Department

Public Schools



Health Care

Or Something to Be Purchased?

“At present the United States has the unenviable distinction of being the only great industrial nation without compulsory health insurance.”

- Irving Fisher 1916

Medicare for All (M4A) Benefits

House of Representatives
Bill HR1384 Sponsored by
Pramila Jayapal
2019-2020

Senate Bill S1129
Sponsored by Bernie
Sanders 2019-2020

Minnesota Health Plan SF
1125 and HF 1200
Sponsored by Senator
Marty 2019-2020

1. *Every person is covered*
2. *Doctor and hospital access*
3. *Pricing Power (Monopsony)*
4. *Administrative Efficiency*
5. *Provides lifelong preventative care*
6. *Emergency preparedness*
7. *Puts small businesses on a equal footing with large ones*

Medicare for All (M4A) Changes

1. Reduces the cost of health care
2. Progressive financing
3. Taxes
4. Support for local doctors and hospitals
5. Eliminates CEO pay & marketing costs
6. Eliminates racial and economic disparities of access

Affordable Care Act

Public Option

- ~~1. Every person is covered~~
- ~~2. Doctor and hospital access~~
- ~~3. Pricing Power (Monopsony)~~
- ~~4. Administrative Efficiency~~
- ~~5. Returns focus to giving and receiving care~~
- ~~6. Emergency preparedness~~
- ~~7. Puts small businesses on a equal footing with large ones~~

Our Ask

1. Time to present the Northfield Health Care for All Resolution to you.
2. Survey Northfield on Health Care for All
3. One book Northfield on Health Care