

Assessing Medicare for America

The <u>Partnership for America's Health Care Future</u> and KNG Consulting examined the impact Medicare for America would have on American health care coverage with the release of a study, "The Impact of Medicare for America on the Employer Market and Health Spending."

The study found Medicare for America could force one-third of American workers off of their current employer-sponsored insurance (ESI), while increasing health care spending.

Some of the study's findings include:

- Nearly one of every four workers who were previously offered ESI would lose access
 to insurance via their employer. This increases to about one of every three workers
 losing access to insurance through their employer by 2032.
- About one-in-nine private-sector ESI enrollees (16 million) would disenroll by 2023 and one-in-four (37 million) would disenroll by 2032.
- Medicare for America has a disproportionate impact on small employers (i.e. under 50 employees). Virtually all small employers would incur savings from dropping coverage under the proposal, incentivizing them to do so.
- Overall health care spending would increase under Medicare for America by three percent and 11 percent in 2023 and 2032, respectively. Most of this increase is driven by higher health care utilization.

This report adds to the growing chorus of research that shows one-size-fits-all government-run health insurance systems including Medicare for All, Medicare buy-in, Medicare for America, and the public option will hurt Americans' choice and control over their health care decisions. A copy of the full report can be found here and a link to all of the Partnership's resources can be found here.

