



Government-Controlled Health Insurance Systems Would Force Hospitals to Close

The [Partnership for America's Health Care Future](#) and Navigant Consulting examined the impact one-size-fits-all health insurance systems would have on American hospitals with the release of a study, "[Medicare Expansion: A Preliminary Analysis of Hospital Financial Impacts.](#)"

Whether it's called Medicare for All, the public option, or Medicare buy-in, one-size-fits-all health insurance systems could force hospitals to limit the care they provide, downsize staff, and lead to the closure of essential hospitals.

Some of the key findings include:

- Under a single-payer system, hospital operating margins could fall **as low as negative 22.1 percent.**
- Under Medicare buy-in, hospital operating margins could fall from **2 percent to negative 5 percent.**
- Hospitals are already facing financial challenges given the aging population and the increasing share of Medicare patients. The report projects that if nothing changes, the hospital used in the report's model would go from a **2.3 percent profit margin to a negative margin of 6.2 percent over the next five years.**

One-size-fits-all health insurance systems would hurt access to the high quality care Americans rely on. It's time to build on what's working and fix what's broken — not start over. A copy of the full study can be found [here](#), and a link to all of the Partnership's resources can be found [here](#).