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Prospects for Single Payer Health Care

with Rep. John Scibak and Deborah Levenson

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Single Payer Health Care is social insurance that makes health care a human right, through a publicly financed system that provides comprehensive benefits and a single standard of care, a system where health care decisions are made by patients and their caregivers, not by corporate and government bureaucrats, and a system where scarce health care resources are not squandered by profiteers, marketing, and excessive administrative costs, and in fact the cost per person is lowered.

Mass. Second Hampshire Rep. John Scibak and Deborah Levenson, co-convener of Western Mass. Medicare for All, will help us answer the question: *What are the prospects for winning Single Payer in Massachusetts?*

Massachusetts Single Payer advocates have been organizing for a quarter century. Along with long-time supporters like Massachusetts Jobs with Justice, the Massachusetts Campaign for Single Payer Health Care ("Mass-Care"), chapters of the national Physicians for a National Health Program and the League of Women Voters, the Mass. Nurses Association, the Mass.

Teachers Association, and the state AFL-CIO, new grassroots and statewide organizing has emerged, including the Single Payer Strategy Forum, Right to Health Massachusetts, the Right Care Alliance, and here in Western Mass., Western Mass. Medicare for All.

In Congress there are HR676, The Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, and S1804, The Medicare for All Act, but, while growing in support, they are going nowhere. So, several states are looking to set up their own Single Payer plans. In Massachusetts, Rep. Denise Garlick and Sen. James Eldridge have introduced similar legislation, House Bill 2987 and Senate Bill 619. ***What are their prospects?***



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