Where Do U.S. Health Reform Proposals Fall on the Medicare-for-All Continuum?

Descriptive text:

The health care debate in the 2020 presidential campaign so far has largely focused on Democratic candidates’ support for “Medicare for all,” or a national health insurance program. In fact, there have been a number of plans proposed to help the United States join other wealthy nations that have achieved universal coverage for their residents.

Below, you can see where lawmakers’ bills fall on the Medicare-for-all continuum – ranging from those relying on a mix of private and publicly funded health insurance to those featuring only public coverage. You can also compare the benefits each coverage plan would provide, how people would pay for coverage and care, and how the bills would contain overall health care costs. Just click or tap the dots along the continuum.

Select “International Health Systems” for a continuum of other countries’ health systems.

Where Do International Health Systems Fall on the Coverage Continuum?

Descriptive text: The “Medicare for all” debate has sparked interest in how other wealthy nations provide affordable, universal health insurance coverage. While all eight of the health systems featured below include a mix of public and private insurance, we show where they differ in what public financing covers and doesn’t cover and how much people pay out of pocket for their health care. Click or tap the dots to compare these countries on how they cover their residents, how people pay for coverage and care, and how health care costs are contained.

Select “Federal Health Proposals” to see where federal bills proposed in the U.S. Congress fall on the “Medicare for all” continuum.