

## ENDORSEMENT FORM FOR ORGANIZATIONS

### IN SUPPORT OF *HOOSIERS FOR A COMMONSENSE HEALTH PLAN'S* EFFORT TO GET SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE

Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan (HCHP) formed to address the issue of the high cost of health insurance and the increasing numbers of un- and under-insured. HCHP supports the goal shared by nearly two-thirds of all Americans, as shown in recent polls, of a national program of health insurance that would resemble Medicare extended to all.

Until we reach that national goal, HCHP will encourage the Indiana legislature to pass legislation for a state insurance plan that would provide comprehensive coverage of health care for all Hoosiers. Vigorous campaigns for state health coverage will tell the US Congress that it is time to make a national health insurance plan the law of the land.

Families USA found that, in Indiana between 2000 and 2007, premiums for employer-based health insurance rose 83% while the median wage of workers rose 11%. Insurance for the 3.8 million Hoosiers covered under employer plans rose seven times faster than their wages. Moreover, 5% fewer Hoosiers had coverage by individual or group private insurance in 2007 than in 2006.

According to the US Census Bureau, 700,000 Hoosiers, including 82,000 children, were without health insurance in 2007. This meant that 11% were uninsured in Indiana. The Healthy Indiana Plan has not significantly changed this grim picture. A majority of those uninsured in Indiana, as well as in the US, live in families with at least one employed person. According to the Indiana Family and Social Services, of the 30,000 new bankruptcies filed by Hoosiers in 2007, about one-half were due to illness and medical bills.

HCHP calls for a single payer health insurance system since it can deliver affordable, quality, universal health care. It would be a publicly financed, privately delivered health care system funded by taxes. Lower costs would result from eliminating the overhead expenses of private health insurers and from the ability of a single public payer to negotiate the charges of physicians, hospitals, and pharmaceuticals.

**ADDING THE NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION CONFIRMS YOUR ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT FOR HCHP'S EFFORTS TO GET SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE AND ITS WILLINGNESS BOTH TO HAVE ITS NAME USED IN SUPPORT OF THESE EFFORTS AND TO ENCOURAGE ITS MEMBERS TO SPREAD SUPPORT FOR THEM.**

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