

Single Payer Health Care

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3 **WHEREAS** the for-profit health insurance system fails to work for all Americans and
4 no such system can accomplish the essential goals of universal affordable coverage;

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6 **WHEREAS** the 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA), though it has many useful features,
7 will leave 25 million or more uninsured after 2017;

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9 **WHEREAS** the private health insurance industry continues to profit by limiting health
10 coverage to the public;

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12 **WHEREAS** businesses and citizens cannot afford the premiums charged by the private
13 health insurance industry; and

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15 **WHEREAS** the problem with our healthcare system is neither Medicare nor Medicaid,
16 but that as a nation, we have not come to terms with our need for a national healthcare
17 system such as a single-payer system, which would cut costs in a far more meaningful
18 fashion, without harming our most vulnerable people;

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats pledge to
21 advocate and promote enactment of state single payer health care in Washington State
22 and to support and encourage our state legislators to facilitate this goal;

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the United States will adopt a
25 national single payer health care system modeled on Medicare providing coverage for
26 everyone and to support and encourage congressional representatives to facilitate this
27 goal.

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31 Central Committee for consideration at its June 2, 2012 Convention. (Date Submitted
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35 Health Care, and Human Services at its May 12th meeting in Ellensburg.

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37 Recommended 'PASS' by the Platform Committee at its June 1st meeting in Seattle.

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39 'PASSED' by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2nd meeting in
40 Seattle.