



# Maine Health Care Is a Human Right Survey

## Identifying Our Needs: The Problem

1. Do you currently have health insurance?  YES  NO
- a. If yes what type?  Thru Employer  Spouse's or Parent's Policy  Medicaid  Medicare  
 Individual Plan  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What's the longest period of time you have gone without health insurance? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) **[For people with employer based insurance]** Have you seen your out of pocket costs for insurance increase?  YES  NO

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the cost of your deductible? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever had problems accessing health care ?  YES  NO
- a) If yes, what were/are the reasons? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever had to forgo health care because of costs?  YES  NO
- a) If YES, what type of care?  Regular Check-Up  Surgery  Prescription Drugs  
 Mental Health Care  Dental Care  Vision  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What costs have been difficult for you:  Premiums  Deductibles  Co-pays  
 Co-insurance  Paying bills out-of-pocket  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you, or someone in your family, ever experienced any of the following:
- a) Stayed in a job only to keep your health insurance?  YES  NO  
If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Been discriminated against when trying to get healthcare because of your race, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability?  YES  NO  
If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Developed more serious health problems because concerns around cost or coverage delayed treatment?  YES  NO  
If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Have had problems paying medical bills?  YES  NO  
If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

- e) Have you ever had to travel a significant distance to access the care you or your family needed?  
 YES  NO  
If yes, please describe what care \_\_\_\_\_

**Claiming Our Rights: The Action**

5. Do you think everyone in Maine should get the health care they need?  YES  NO

6: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care."

Have you heard of this human right before?  YES  NO

7. Do you believe that health care is a human right?  YES  NO

- a) Do you believe our government has an obligation to protect the human right to health care?  
 YES  NO  NOT SURE
- b) Would you say that the human right to health care is protected here in Maine?  
 YES  NO  NOT SURE

8. Do you feel that you have a say in decisions about our health care system?  YES  NO

**Responsibilities of Government: The Solution**

9. What do you think of the idea of a universal health care system, which would be publicly funded from our taxes rather than paying premiums and deductibles to insurers and medical care providers?  
 LIKE IT  DON'T LIKE  NOT SURE

- a) If you could change anything about our health care system, what would it be?

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10. Any other comments you'd like to make?

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**About you** (this will help us analyze the results of this survey)

Which Maine county do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

Which gender do you identify with:

Female     Male     Transgender

Your race or ethnicity:

White     African American     Asian  
 Latino     Native/Indigenous     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your annual household income?  less than \$12,167  \$12,168-\$17,711  \$17,712-\$30,810  
 \$30,811-\$55,471  \$55,472- \$108,724  \$108,725 or more

How many people are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for completing this survey!***

**Do you want to get involved?**

It is not necessary to give your personal information to do the survey. You can choose to remain anonymous. However, if you would like to get involved in our Health Care Is a Human Right Campaign, for example by telling your story, we need some way to get hold of you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- YES, I would like more information about the Health care Is a Human Right Campaign
- YES, I would like to get involved!
- Please keep my story anonymous, but you can contact me to get involved
- I'm willing to share my story

Do you know someone else who has a health care story or would be good for us to reach out to?

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This survey was collected:

Organizer \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN COMPLETE Please drop off at or mail back to the organization you are working with:**

**Maine People's Alliance, Attn. Jennie, 565 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101  
Maine AFL-CIO, Attn. Sarah, 21 Gabriel Drive, Augusta, ME 04330**

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