COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 16

Resolution No. 43-23

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

By the County Council, September 18, 2023

RESOLUTION supporting Medicare for All and urging federal and State legislators representing Anne Arundel County to work toward enactment of Medicare for All to guarantee comprehensive health care for all Americans

WHEREAS, high-quality health care is a human right and almost 30,000,000 Americans are uninsured, including approximately 356,000 Marylanders; and

WHEREAS, among working adults, approximately 29% with employer coverage and approximately 44% of those with coverage purchased through the individual market were underinsured in 2022 (i.e. the individual had an insurance policy that did not provide adequate coverage or they had gaps in coverage during the year); and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans with insurance have coverage so inadequate that a major illness can lead to financial ruin, and medical illness and bills contribute to two-thirds of all bankruptcies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County treats racism as a public health emergency, and three-quarters of uninsured adults in Maryland are people of color; and

WHEREAS, “Medicare for All” refers to a collection of legislative proposals that aim to expand Medicare into a federal single-payer system that provides health care to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide full coverage without premiums, copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and ensure patients a free choice of doctors; and

WHEREAS, approximately 69% of Americans support Medicare for All and current and past Medicare for All legislation has been co-sponsored by Representatives John Sarbanes, Jamie Raskin, Glenn Ivey, and Kweisi Mfume, as well as former Congressman Anthony Brown; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby supports Medicare for All and urges federal legislators representing Anne Arundel County to work toward enactment of Medicare for All to guarantee comprehensive health care for all Americans; and be it further
Resolved, That the County Council supports State-level single-payer legislation and
urges State legislators representing Anne Arundel County to work toward legislation to
 guarantee the same comprehensive healthcare coverage to all Maryland residents; and be
it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to U.S. Senators Benjamin L. Cardin
and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.; U.S. Representative John P. Sarbanes; Delegate Heather
Bagnall, Chair, Anne Arundel County House Delegation; Senator Pamela G. Beidle, Chair,
Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation; and County Executive Steuart Pittman.

READ AND PASSED this 2nd day of October, 2023.

By Order:

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 43-23 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

Peter I. Smith
Chair