

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

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

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

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8 WHEREAS, among working adults, approximately 29% with employer coverage
9 and approximately 44% of those with coverage purchased through the individual
10 market were underinsured in 2022 (i.e. the individual had an insurance policy that
11 did not provide adequate coverage or they had gaps in coverage during the year);
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14 WHEREAS, millions of Americans with insurance have coverage so inadequate
15 that a major illness can lead to financial ruin, and medical illness and bills
16 contribute to two-thirds of all bankruptcies in the United States; and

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, Medicare for All would provide full coverage without premiums,
26 copays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, and would slash bureaucracy,
27 protect the doctor-patient relationship, and ensure patients a free choice of doctors;
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30 WHEREAS, approximately 69% of Americans support Medicare for All and
31 current and past Medicare for All legislation has been co-sponsored by
32 Representatives John Sarbanes, Jamie Raskin, Glenn Ivey, and Kweisi Mfume, as
33 well as former Congressman Anthony Brown; now, therefore, be it

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35 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*
36 *supports Medicare for All and urges federal legislators representing Anne Arundel County*
37 *to work toward enactment of Medicare for All to guarantee comprehensive health care for*
38 *all Americans; and be it further*

1 *Resolved*, That the County Council supports State-level single-payer legislation and
2 urges State legislators representing Anne Arundel County to work toward legislation to
3 guarantee the same comprehensive healthcare coverage to all Maryland residents; and be
4 it further

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