

Questions to ask your local state legislative candidates and what to listen for in their answers

1. Currently more than 475,000 Minnesotans have no health insurance. The majority of Minnesota's uninsured work at jobs that provide no health benefits. If elected, how would you propose to solve this problem and how would you advance that solution in your office?
 - a. Key things to listen for when candidates answer this question are if they say that **single payer** is the best way to ensure all Minnesotans get coverage.
 - b. Listen for what bills and legislation they would offer.
 - c. Make sure if they support universal coverage they understand that universal is not necessarily single payer and have them explain the financing mechanism. What we don't want is the current glut of HMO/insurance companies administering public programs.

2. Would you support legislation that works toward development of a comprehensive single-payer health plan in Minnesota that would replace reliance on the commercial health insurance industry?
 - a. Yes is the key word here!
 - b. HMO accountability and transparency is a good first step in exposing the corruption in the current system of administering public health program.

3. Do you support a comprehensive single payer health care system?

4. Would you vote for the Minnesota Health Plan or any other single-payer bill?

5. Would you be willing to be a co-author a single-payer piece of legislation?
 - a. For questions 3, 4 and 5 again yes is the key word here. If not the Minnesota Health Plan please ask what their single-payer bill would look like.