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HELPING PENNSYLVANIANS GET QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

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HEALTH CARE RESOURCES FOR WORKING FAMILIES

It can be difficult to navigate the complexities of receiving health care in Pennsylvania, especially for those suffering from an illness. Below are some resources that may help you and your family access care.



Community HealthChoices – Care for Seniors

Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices provides health care services and increases access to community programs for seniors and people with disabilities.

855-481-6777

www.dhs.pa.gov/HealthChoices



PACE and PACENET

PACE and PACENET are programs offered by Pennsylvania to provide low-cost prescription drugs for those ages 65 and up.

800-225-7223

www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/prescriptions

We're out in the community talking with Pennsylvanians. Here's what we're hearing.



Steph is a single mother with two daughters. She's concerned about her children and says it's impossible to find affordable childcare. She wishes politicians would do more to focus on working families.

Steph M., Irwin



Daniel is concerned about finding affordable health care and is shocked that Americans must spend thousands of dollars out of their own pockets to have a child or receive treatment for a disease. He wants lobbyists out of our health care system and wants health care overhauled so it actually serves working people, and so that no American has to take on a crippling financial burden if they get sick.

Daniel G., Edgebrook, Pittsburgh



Gary has worked in nursing and retirement homes and worries about proper care for senior citizens in Pennsylvania. He wants to see more done to protect our most vulnerable citizens and ensure they can live their lives with dignity.

Gary B., Arlington, Pittsburgh

Governor Tom Wolf and Lt. Governor John Fetterman have taken steps to improve health care quality and reduce costs by establishing Pennie, Pennsylvania's state-based health care marketplace. Pennie has been praised by consumers across the state because it:

- Provides affordable health care coverage to Pennsylvanians
- Offers first-rate customer service
- Reduces costs over time through a reinsurance program



"Pennie launches new initiative to enroll in health care"



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Election season is just around the corner.

See inside to learn more about how your U.S. Senate candidates propose to help Pennsylvania's working families access affordable health care.

Candidates for Senate on Health Care

Too many hardworking Pennsylvania families are feeling left behind, unable to make ends meet. Health care costs are on the rise, including the price of prescription drugs.

At *In Union*, we believe that all work has dignity, but countless working families are forced to choose between buying food and going to the doctor. Or putting gas in the car and paying the mortgage or rent.

These are serious issues that require serious responses from our elected leaders. In this edition, we focus on the two U.S. Senate candidates to help you make an informed choice as we enter election season.



JOHN FETTERMAN
LT. GOVERNOR

Health Care as a Fundamental Right

John Fetterman believes health care—including access to reproductive health care—is a fundamental right, as basic as housing, food, and education. As Lt. Governor, Fetterman worked with Governor Wolf to protect high-quality health care for 2.2 million Pennsylvanians.¹

Expanding Medicare to Cover More Families

As a Senator, Fetterman plans to work to expand access to health care by lowering the Medicare enrollment age. He also believes we must mandate that Medicare include vision, dental, and hearing care.²

Protecting Pennsylvania's Seniors

Increasing costs in Pennsylvania are disproportionately hurting our seniors, especially the high costs of prescription drugs. In the U.S. Senate, Fetterman will protect and improve Social Security and Medicare. He also supports a plan to cap the price of insulin at \$35 per month.³



DR. MEHMET OZ
TV PERSONALITY

Investor in Big Pharma

Dr. Mehmet Oz is a major investor in Big Pharma, even though he publicly blames them for skyrocketing insulin costs. To date, he's invested \$715,000 in Big Pharma—and they've returned the favor with nearly \$20,000 in contributions to his campaign. Days after securing the Republican nomination for Senate, Dr. Oz gave a speech to a lobbying group that pushes a pyramid scheme marketing to consumers.⁴

Amassed Enormous Profits by Deceiving Consumers

Dr. Oz is a retired heart surgeon who has made tens of millions of dollars deceiving consumers. In 2012, he told his viewers there was a “magic bean”—or green coffee extract—to help you lose weight. This was entirely discredited and resulted in lawsuits for the company that manufactured it.⁵

Supports Plan to Defund Social Security and Medicare

Dr. Oz has praised a plan to put Social Security and Medicare on the chopping block every five years, opening the door to extreme plans to privatize these benefits and put the retirement security and health of millions of seniors at risk. Dr. Oz also supports letting insurance companies charge higher premiums and deny care to people with preexisting conditions.⁶

Health Care and the U.S. Senate Election in the News

Most Americans are fed up with politicians saying one thing during a campaign and doing another thing once they are elected, so it's easy to tune out the news during an election year. But with health care costs spiraling out of control, it's important to know where the candidates stand on issues that affect working families, including access to affordable health care and prescription drugs.

CBS NEWS

“Senate Republicans block \$35 cap on price of insulin from Democratic bill”

abc NEWS

“Despite railing against Big Tech and Big Pharma, records show Dr. Oz has invested millions in both”

STAT

“Dr. Oz peddles medical misinformation...”

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