

UNIONS BRING HEALTH CARE TO ALL WORKERS

What You Should Know



- ◆ **All Michigan family members deserve health care coverage, both as active employees and as retirees.** That's what the members of Michigan's unions think and continue to fight for.
- ◆ **Unions believe no one's health care is safe until everyone's health care is safe.**
- ◆ **Unions have been fighting for health care for decades.** In fact, we supported and fought for universal health care coverage after World War II as part of the Fair Deal agenda and lost out to Big Business. When the nation then adopted an employer-based health care system, it was union members who fought in contract after contract to improve health care benefits and thus raised the standards for the nation.
- ◆ **Today, the 2008 elections offer a unique window—Americans are ready as never before to fix our health care system.**
- ◆ **Our goal is to win secure, high-quality health care for all.** We'll do that by mobilizing and educating our members, building key alliances with businesses and progressive groups and making the 2008 elections a mandate on health care reform.
- ◆ **We want to work with you.** You don't have to be a union member. We are fighting for a unique American plan for health care reform that:
 - ◆ Controls rising and irrational costs.
 - ◆ Provides comprehensive, high-quality health care to all.
 - ◆ Gives every family the opportunity and the responsibility for preventive care.
 - ◆ Preserves the right to choose and use your own doctor.
 - ◆ Asks our government to play a strong role in restoring balance to the system, curbing greed and incompetence and ensuring more fairness and efficiency.
 - ◆ Lowers employer costs and, in return, asks them to pay their fair share, along with government and individuals.
 - ◆ Builds on what's best about American healthcare while drawing from what works in other countries.

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