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KAMALA HARRIS'S PLAN FOR MEDICARE

WILL HURT SENIORS

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NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF KAMALA HARRIS'S RADICAL PLAN FOR MEDICARE

Kamala Harris promises government-run healthcare to all people in the United States, [including](#) 12 million illegal immigrants [who have not paid their fair share](#) into the program and cost more than what they paid in. Implementation of Harris's radical "Medicare for All" approach will:

DRAIN THE TRUST FUND

- Kamala's plan to give Medicare for All coverage to illegal immigrants will [drain](#) the trust fund that seniors have paid into their entire lives.
- Draining the trust fund will [lead to higher taxes](#) and fewer doctors, ultimately hurting seniors.¹

LIMIT ACCESS TO DOCTORS AND NURSES

- Experts estimate Medicare for All could result in 1.5 million [job losses](#) within the hospital sector.
- America is already facing an expected shortage of as many as 95,000 [doctors](#) and 63,000 [full-time nurses](#) by 2030.
- Shifting to Medicare for All will only exacerbate these shortages and hurt patients, similar to how [other single-payer systems](#) have failed their citizens.
- Flooding the system with an additional 12 million illegal aliens will strain resources, making it more challenging for Seniors to access doctors and nurses.

COST \$44 TRILLION

- The program's costs range from [\\$32.6 trillion](#) to [\\$44 trillion](#) over a decade.
- Covering an additional 12 million illegal immigrants would cost [\\$1.8 trillion](#) between 2026 and 2035.
- The payroll tax on American workers and businesses would have to substantially increase to [cover](#) these excessive costs, which will hit [low-income workers](#) the hardest.

LEAD TO CUTS TO DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS

- Medicare for All requires significant reductions in already low payments to doctors, nurses, hospitals, and nursing homes, [cutting \\$5.3 trillion](#) over a decade.
- Providers would no longer be able to shift costs from Medicare to private payers and could thus face [40% reductions](#) from private insurance rates.

LIKELY LEAD TO MORE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

- America's health programs are a gold-plated invitation for illegal immigrants, like what has happened in [California](#) and [other states](#) that have expanded universal health coverage to illegal immigrants.
- Giving 12 million illegal immigrants access to Medicare for All will only encourage more illegal immigrants to come across the border.

¹ Section 701 (d) of the Medicare for All Act, which Sen. Kamala Harris cosponsored, and presidential candidate Kamala Harris endorsed uses the money in the trust funds to finance expenditures under the newly created Medicare for All program. Once the expenditures are paid, any remaining amounts (which is [unlikely](#)) will be transferred to the newly-created Medicare for All Trust Fund, and the trust funds will be effectively abolished.

