

## WHY SEN. BAYH NEEDS TO SUPPORT A PUBLIC OPTION

### CHOICE

**Americans deserve the right to choose their own healthcare.** Congress must act to give Americans more choices for their personal healthcare by allowing universal availability of a public healthcare option like Medicare. Limiting choice to for-profit insurance only, is the same broken healthcare system we have right now.

### COMPETITION

Capitalism thrives on competition. **The more healthcare choices the American consumer has to choose from the harder the healthcare supplier will work to be chosen.** A public healthcare option would bring new competition into the market driving lower prices and incentives for better service and care.

### COMFORT

There is no need to create something new or unfamiliar to the American people. Americans already know about for-profit insurance and they already know about Medicare. Medicare has been around for over 40 years. Most people know someone over the age of 65 already on Medicare. **There is nothing new about Medicare, now we need to make a public option like Medicare available to all Americans.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What does "universally available" mean?

A universally available public option would be open to anyone regardless of gender, race, religion, income or employer.

### What does "public option" mean?

A public option would allow anyone and everyone to choose a healthcare plan provided by the government like Medicare is today.

### Why is a public option necessary for real healthcare reform?

Healthcare reform without the public option isn't real healthcare reform -- it's insurance reform. A public option is the only way to guarantee affordable, high-quality healthcare for all Americans.

### What can I do to help guarantee that public option is included in healthcare reform?

Call and e-mail Sen. Evan Bayh's local and Washington offices and ask him to support the public option. Write a letter to the editor asking Sen. Bayh to support the public option. Get your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. Get local business leaders and healthcare professionals to take, too. Get your local Democratic Party or other local political groups to pass pro-public option resolutions.

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