

**Democratic Socialists of America**  
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**Resolution on Health Care**

**Whereas**, DSA recognizes that only a single-payer health insurance system or a national health plan can provide health care for all at reasonable cost by simplifying the insurance bureaucracy and by eliminating the corporate insurers' game of insuring the profitable segments of the population and leaving the less profitable segments to the government, and

**Whereas**, more and more the growing unaffordability of health insurance is bringing the broad public to understand the need for public provision in this area, and

**Whereas**, large U.S. corporations that previously offered good health benefits are now cutting them in order to compete with overseas companies that have lower costs thanks to more effective national health care systems,

**Therefore be it resolved** that in its work toward improving the situation of the low-wage workforce, DSA will publicize how lack of health care makes it impossible for people to live on low wages, how low-wage employers like Wal-Mart put the burden of their workers' health costs on local government, and how the lack of affordable health insurance makes it structurally difficult for even willing small employers to provide health insurance to their workers, and

**Be it further resolved** that in its international work DSA's representatives will help to exchange information about our allegedly market-driven health care system and the more efficacious systems of other countries.