

ACP: Medicare for All needed to fix 'ill' U.S. healthcare system

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The American College of Physicians (ACP) says the U.S. health care

system "is ill and needs a bold new prescription" that includes coverage for all Americans and lower costs.

The 141,000-member group endorsed two proposals being discussed by Democratic presidential candidates: a government-operated single-payer system that would cover everyone or a government-run plan that would offer a comprehensive [coverage](#) option to [private insurance](#), the *Associated Press* reported. The group's recommendations are based on an analysis of available evidence of how best to tackle U.S. health care problems such as coverage gaps, [high costs](#), spotty quality, and overcomplexity, according to Robert McLean, M.D., president of ACP.

"We think there is a realistic chance that either of these two approaches could get us to a much, much better place," said McLean, the *AP* reported. "It is not looking to be partisan, but I would say it is unavoidably political because policy is political."

A national "Medicare for All" plan is supported by about half of U.S. adults, recent Kaiser Family Foundation polling revealed, while a public option has the support of about two-thirds, the *AP* reported. Both proposals are strongly opposed by the [health](#) insurance industry.

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