

SENATOR

BERNIE SANDERS

Former U.S. representative; former Mayor of Burlington, Vermont

Summary of candidate's NUHW questionnaire



PRIORITIES AS PRESIDENT

- Guarantee everyone basic economic rights
- Address climate change
- Tackle structural racism
- Reform criminal justice system

HEALTH POLICY

- Authored and introduced Medicare-for-All legislation that would fully eliminate health insurance premiums, deductibles, and co-pays, making healthcare free at the point of service.
- Would transition to full Medicare-for-All over four years by progressively lowering age eligibility for Medicare.
- Would expand existing Medicare services to include dental, vision, and hearing, and cap out-of-pocket costs once Medicare-for-All is passed.

WORKER RIGHTS

- Authored Workplace Democracy Act, which would have removed obstacles to employers making collective agreements.
- Changed the definition of an employee to ensure every person who works for other people has labor rights and repeal state “right to work” laws.
- Is open to any proposal that strengthens labor protections and increases the power of workers.
- Supports raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

- Medicare-for-All legislation would provide comprehensive coverage for mental health and substance use disorder treatment services as well as prescription drugs.
- Would require evaluation of health disparities, including geographic disparities, and a plan to address disparities in the health care system.

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

- Would immediately issue executive order undoing Trump’s immigration policies.
- Would restore cuts to refugee admissions and extend legal status to DREAMers and their parents.
- Would decriminalize border crossings.
- Would strengthen labor protections for guest worker visas.