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CANDIDATE HEALTH CARE POSITIONS

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METHODOLOGY

Horizon Government Affairs conducted this analysis to identify where key Senate and House candidates are on **health care** issues, with a focus on races that are expected to be close or possibly result in a switch in party. We used the Cook Political Report to identify close races.

This analysis relied upon various online resources and in-house expertise. Any polling data or other information used is current to the date of publication.

Sources are listed by race in the Appendix.

Election campaigns are constantly changing. The information presented in this report will continue to evolve up to election day.

BACKGROUND

As research was conducted for these profiles, two policy trends emerged specifically related to incumbent voting records: (1) position in relation to the health care provisions of the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)*; and (2) position in relation to the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*.

For additional background and context, brief explanations of each are included below:

- 1. *Inflation Reduction Act:* The *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* was signed into law by President Biden in 2022 (*P.L 117-169*) after passing both the House and Senate on partly-line votes. The *IRA* is a massive law that reaches multiple sectors including: agriculture, transportation, energy, environment, and health care. Some of the most notable provisions amounted to drastically amending portions of the Medicare program, which include allowing the government to set certain drug prices and significantly restructuring Medicare Part D. We note when candidates want to expand the *IRA*'s provisions beyond Medicare as that represents a major health policy stance.
- 2. *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act (LCMT)*: Transparency has been a buzzword in health care policy for years. In the 118th Congress, political activity focused on transparency relating to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). Three House Committees (Energy & Commerce, Ways & Means, and Education & the Workforce) crafted legislation that was ultimately rolled together into one bill, called the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act (LCMT*; H.R. 5378). The *LCMT* passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 320-71-1 but no counterpart has been passed by the full Senate. The *LCMT* includes provisions pertaining to price transparency in hospitals, imaging, ambulatory surgical centers; it also adds additional reporting requirements for PBMs and requires entities which plans and PBMs contract with to meet certain requirements.

ALASKA



2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 42.8%
 52.8%

HOUSE AK-AL Toss Up

Rep. Mary Peltola (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Mary Peltola served in the State Legislature, as a City Councilwoman, and the Interim Executive Director of the Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. She also served on the Bethel, Alaska City Council. Congresswoman Peltola supports Medicaid expansion, seeks to expand health care benefits including dental, vision, and hearing benefits, and supports the *IRA* to lower prescription drug prices. In the House, Rep. Peltola voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*. She has obtained funding to expand telehealth services in rural Alaskan communities. Rep. Peltola has focused on legislation that supports community mental wellness and resilience programs.

Nicholas Begich (R)

Nicholas Begich founded a technology development company and co-chaired the state GOP's Finance Committee. He supports protecting patient-doctor relationships and advocates for exploring innovative pricing and cost models in direct primary care and preventive medicine. Begich supports finding "cost savings by increasing competition, negotiating prescription drug prices, and tightening work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients."

ARIZONA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 49.4%
 49.1%

SENATE

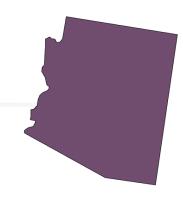
Lean Democrat | Note: Seat vacated by Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I), who is retiring.

Rep. Ruben Gallego (D)

Rep. Gallego is a former Marine and has served as the U.S. Representative for Arizona's 3rd congressional district since 2023. He strongly supports Medicaid expansion, opposes Medicare privatization, "will fight every day to expand Medicare benefits," and voted for the *IRA*. In the House, Rep. Gallego cosponsored the Promoting Access to Treatments and Increasing Extremely Needed Transparency (PATIENT) Act, voted for the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act, and introduced the Lower Drug Costs for Families Act. These bills hold PBMs "accountable for their role in historically inflating drug prices for Arizona consumers" and seek "to hold Big Pharma accountable for price gouging..." Rep. Gallego has focused on veterans health care, including physical and mental health benefits and access to telehealth services.

Kari Lake (R)

Kari Lake is a former television news anchor. Lake's health care policy statements are limited, but she has spoken out against the *IRA*. She has also addressed the "exploding epidemic of drug and mental illness fueled homelessness" and advocates for support and treatment, including in-patient treatment centers, for those with serious mental illness.



Rep. David Schweikert (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Schweikert ran a real estate business prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He believes "every American should have full control of their health care, not bureaucrats in Washington, D.C." The congressman voted against the IRA and the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act.* While Rep. Schweikert's comments on artificial intelligence (AI) are not directly related to health care, he believes that AI can improve government response to American needs. Rep. Schweikert advocates for extending telehealth and telemental health services. His mental health policy focuses on combating opioid use and promoting treatment for addiction. Overall, Rep. Schweikert aims to increase health care choices and create a competitive insurance marketplace.

Amish Shah (D)

Amish Shah has a medical background as an emergency room physician. He is committed to lowering health care costs and ending price gouging on essential medications by standing up to "Big Pharma." Overall, he believes that all Americans should have access to high-quality health care.

AZ-3 Toss Up | Note: Seat vacated by Rep. Ruben Gallego (D) who is running for Senate

Alan Aversa (G)

Alan Aversa worked as a teacher and computer programmer. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

Jeffery Zink (R)

Jeffery Zink previously worked as a curriculum developer at Grand Canyon University, as an official of the NCAA basketball organization, and as an ordained minister. His limited health care stances include a focus on stopping the fentanyl pandemic and prioritizing public health as it relates to the opioid crisis.

AZ-6 Toss Up

Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R)

Incumbent Rep. Ciscomani worked for the University of Arizona, the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Arizona's Doug Ducey administration. The congressman advocates for transparency within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and he voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*. While Rep. Ciscomani's stated priorities do not significantly focus on health care, he does support protecting seniors, Medicare, and increasing investment in women's health research.

Kristen Engel (D)

Kristen Engel worked at the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and as a law professor. She believes in expanding "Medicare's ability to negotiate for lower drug prices." Engel also advocates for providing insurance parity for mental health services. Overall, Kristen Engel supports policies to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

CALIFORNIA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 63.5% 34.3%

HOUSE CA-13 Toss Up

Rep. John Duarte (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Duarte continues to run a farm with his wife while serving as a U.S. Representative. He believes "every person deserves access to quality and affordable health care." The congressman voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act.* Overall, Rep Duarte advocates for extending health care options for all, especially those in rural areas, with "common sense, freemarket planning and budgeting."

Adam Gray (D)

Adam Gray worked in local politics and founded the California Problem Solvers Caucus. His health care policy focuses on funding for graduate medical education, improving access to health clinics, and ensuring coverage for medical devices such as continuous glucose monitors.

CA-22 Toss Up

Rep. David Valadao (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Valadao was a member of various dairy industry groups and continues to work on the family farm. He opposed the *IRA*. The congressman believes health care solutions come from "weeding out waste, fraud, and abuse." He voted in support of the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*. He supports a robust safety-net, like Medicare and Medicaid; increased investments in medical research; and improved access to health care. His mental health policy is focused on lowering opioid use and informing Congress and other government agencies how to best meet the needs of individuals struggling with addiction.

Rudy Salas (D)

Rudy Salas worked as a farmer and served on the City Council for Bakersfield. He states that he will "fight to let Medicare negotiate with Big Pharma for lower prices for Californians." In the California State Assembly, Salas worked to increase price transparency, and expand telehealth and mental health services throughout California. Salas believes in protecting and expanding Medicare to cover dental, vision, and hearing.

CA-27 Toss Up

Rep. Mike Garcia (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Garcia served in the U.S. Navy and worked for a government contractor. Garcia opposed the *IRA*, and supports other legislation to lower drug prices, such as the *Lower Cost, More Cures Act of 2021*. He voted in support of the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act.* Rep. Garcia has voted to secure and/or reauthorize funding for various forms of health services, such as mobile clinics and mental health services.

George Whitesides (D)

George Whitesides was the Chief of Staff for NASA and the CEO of Virgin Galactic. His main health care policy focuses on children/ teenage mental health and the effect of social media. He promotes an approach that will support "responsible regulation" without stifling technological innovation.

CA-41 Toss Up

Rep. Ken Calvert (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Calvert was a small business owner in the restaurant and commercial brokerage and development industries. The congressman opposed the *IRA*. He voted in support of the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* and works to advance "patient-centered health care solutions." Calvert advocates for expanding mobile health care options to support specific regions in need. He focuses on addressing the mental health, drug abuse, and economic challenges of the homeless and increasing assistance for organizations serving homeless populations.

Will Rollins (D)

Will Rollins was a federal prosecutor. He agrees with the drug pricing provisions of the *IRA*. He also supports increasing price transparency as a way to reform pricegouging in the health care system. Rollins advocates for expanding Medicaid home and community-based services. His mental health policy is focused on addressing and reducing suicide rates among veterans. Overall, Rollins believes in expanding Medicare, such as lowering the eligibility age and including dental, vision, and hearing benefits.

CA-45 Toss Up

Michelle Steel (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Michelle Steel was born in South Korea and grew up in Japan before immigrating to the United States. She served on the State Board of Equalization and as a Supervisor and Chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Rep. Steel opposed the *IRA* and voted in support of the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act. She championed the Supporting Patient Education and Knowledge (SPEAK) Act, which was passed in the House to improve telehealth access for patients with limited English proficiency. Rep. Steel believes that "there is a mental health crisis in this country." To combat this crisis, her areas of focus include increasing access to behavioral care and creating housing units that provide mental health treatment. Overall, Rep. Steel supports a market-based health care system rather than single-payer health care.

Derek Tran (D)

Derek Tran is an Army veteran, consumer rights attorney, city commissioner, and small business owner. Tran has limited publicly available health care policy stances. Overall, he wants to lower the cost of health care and prescription drugs, and "expand Medicare so that everyone has access to quality, affordable health care."

CA-47 Lean Democrat | Note: Seat vacated by Rep. Katie Porter (D), who ran for Senate.

Dave Min (D)

Dave Min worked at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Center for American Progress, and as a business law professor at UC Irvine School of Law and is a California State Senator. Min has limited publicly available health care policy stances outside behavioral and mental health regarding domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Scott Baugh (R)

Scott Baugh was a business owner, the former Chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, and former California Assembly Republican Leader. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

COLORADO

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 55.4% 41.9%

HOUSE CO-8 Toss Up

Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Caraveo was a pediatrician prior to being elected to Congress. She championed the *Increasing Medication Access for Seniors Act*, which attempts to increase awareness for a provision of the *IRA* that allows Medicare beneficiaries to spread prescription drug costs over a year. She voted in support of the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*. She advocates for telehealth expansion to rural communities and supports ensuring access to mental health providers. Overall, Caraveo believes in protecting Social Security and Medicare benefits for seniors.

Gabe Evans (R)

Gabe Evans served in the U.S. Army, the Colorado Army National Guard, and as a Colorado police officer. He has highlighted the rising costs of premiums in Colorado and numerous insurance providers leaving the state or reducing their coverage. Evans believes "the highly regulated insurance market drives a wedge between patients and doctors, while an increasingly large portion of America's population is relegated to Medicaid, a government-run program." He also "supports policies similar to the 'Gold Card' program" and "wants bureaucrats out of the doctor-patient relationship." Additionally, he supports the expansion of prescribing privileges to providers like psychologists. Evans's son was hospitalized as a newborn with life threatening medical complications and due to this experience he believes every American should have "access to quality health care and insurance coverage, including for pre-existing conditions." Evans also prioritizes mental health and curtailing substance abuse problems in the homeless community and he advocates for policies that produce "tough love and accountability resources."

CONNECTICUT



 Biden
 -v Trump

 59.3%
 39.2%

HOUSE CT-5 Lean Democrat

Rep. Jahana Hayes (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Jahana Hayes taught history for 15 years in Waterbury, CT prior to running for office. She voted for the *IRA* and the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* and added an amendment to reduce costs for telehealth visits by eliminating facility fees. Hayes is focused on increasing mental health services in schools and communities. She is a cosponsor of the *STOP Fentanyl Act* to address drug trafficking. She cosponsors the *Medicare for All Act*, viewing it as a way to "provide affordable, equitable health care to all Americans."

George Logan (R)

George Logan is an engineer, community leader, and a small business owner. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

FLORIDA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 47.9%
 51.2%

HOUSE FL-9 Likely Democrat*

Rep. Darren Soto (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Darren Soto worked as a lawyer and musician. The congressman supports the drug pricing provisions of the *IRA* and voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act.* He advocates for improving access to health care, specifically telehealth, and mental health and emotional support services. Rep. Soto strongly defends the *ACA*, and supports expanding Medicare coverage to include dental, hearing, and vision.

Thomas Chalifoux (R)

Thomas Chalifoux is a United States Army Veteran and entrepreneur. He has limited publicly available health care policy stances. Chalifoux does state that he is committed to "the America First agenda and prioritizing American citizens entails us being first in line regarding issues like social security in Florida; central Florida health care and Florida Medicare recipients."

FL-13 Likely Republican*

Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Anna Paulina Luna served in the United States Air Force. She did not vote on the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act.* The congresswoman is a strong advocate for veterans, supports expanding their care, and has cosponsored legislation for veterans who are seeking treatment for mental health or substance abuse.

Whitney Fox (D)

Whitney Fox worked in strategic communications. Fox states that she "will fight to lower the costs of prescription drugs by capping the costs of high-demand medications and expand the \$35 cap for insulin to everyone, not just seniors." Her mental health stance is primarily focused on expanding access to mental health resources for veterans. Fox opposes any attempts to undermine Social Security and Medicare.

* "Likely" races are included due to high levels of fluctuation relative to other states.

FL-27 Likely Republican*

Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar was a journalist. The congresswoman opposed the *IRA*, but states that "the government can and should renegotiate drug prices to lower the high cost of medications." Rep. Salazar has passed legislation on mental health support, such as *The Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act*, which was passed as a part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.* Overall, she believes in increasing competition in health care and allowing families to buy health insurance across state lines.

Lucia Baez-Geller (D)

Lucia Baez-Geller was an educator and advocate for high quality public education, She does not include relevant health care positions on her website.

ILLINOIS

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 57.5%
 40.6%

HOUSE IL-17 Lean Democrat

Rep. Eric Sorensen (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Eric Sorensen was a meteorologist prior to his time serving in the U.S House of Representatives. He supports the drug pricing provisions in the *IRA* and wants to lower prescription drug costs for working families and seniors. He advocates for "protecting and expanding Medicare's ability to negotiate drug prices" and has introduced legislation to address "delay tactics that increase prices." Sorensen supports the *Lower Costs, More Transparency* Act and is committed to expanding telehealth access, especially for rural communities. He also emphasizes the importance of mental health services, particularly for youth and LGBTOI+ communities. Sorensen opposes any efforts to privatize or cut Social Security and Medicare.

Joseph McGraw (R)

Joseph McGraw is a former prosecutor, private attorney, and judge. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

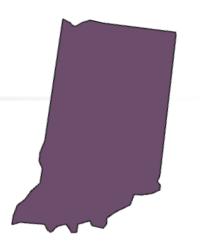


INDIANA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 41%
 57%



HOUSE IN-1 Lean Democrat

Rep. Frank Mrvan (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Frank Mrvan was a Township Trustee for 15 years prior to his time in Congress. He "fought to pass" the *IRA* and strongly agrees with its reforms. He backs the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* and emphasizes improving access to health care services, especially for vulnerable populations. Mrvan focuses on veteran mental health services and increasing access to quality health care.

Randall Niemeyer (R)

Randell Niemeyer served on the Town Council since 2010. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

IOWA



2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 44.9%
 53.1%

HOUSE IA-1 Lean Republican

Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks served in the U.S. Army as a nurse and ophthalmologist, prior to going into private practice and then serving in Congress. She opposes the *IRA*. She introduced the *Share the* Savings with Seniors Act as an alternative to the IRA to lower out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors with chronic conditions. She voted for the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act and has introduced legislation for 340B drug pricing reform. Miller-Meeks advocates for expanding telehealth services, especially for seniors, and is focused on improving mental health care access for veterans. Additionally, she worked on the Medicaid Program Improvement Act and the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act.

Christina Bohannan (D)

Christina Bohannan is a law professor, former engineer, and represented District 85 in the Iowa House. She wants to "take on big Pharma to lower the cost of prescription drugs." Bohannan advocates for expanding Medicare to include dental, vision, and hearing care and supports the *IRA* provisions of "allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower prices on more drugs so [seniors] pay less for their prescriptions."

IA-3 Lean Republican

Rep. Zach Nunn (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Zach Nunn is an Air Force veteran and currently services as a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He also served in both the Iowa House of Representatives and Iowa Senate prior to being elected to Congress. He is focused on addressing mental health and substance abuse, highlighting the opening of a Life Services Center in Polk County to support struggling Iowans. Nunn is committed to improving veteran mental health services and introduced bipartisan legislation to prevent veteran suicides. He has also pledged to defend programs like Social Security and Medicare.

Lanon Baccam (D)

Lanon Baccam is a combat veteran and served in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He has limited public health care policy positions available. Overall, he believes in protecting Social Security and Medicare for seniors.

MAINE



2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 53.1% 44%

HOUSE ME-2 Toss Up

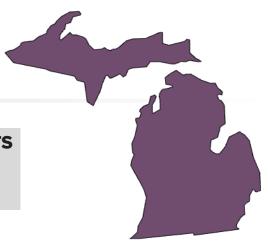
Rep. Jared Golden (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Golden served as a U.S. Marine and a policy advisor for the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. The congressman voted for the *IRA* and the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* for PBM reform. He introduced the *FLAT Prices Act*, which "would punish Big Pharma companies when they hurt consumers with skyrocketing drug prices." His mental health policy focuses on improving care for veterans, especially as they transition back to civilian life. Rep. Golden supports Medicaid expansion and adding dental, hearing, and vision coverage to Medicare.

Austin Theriault (R)

Austin Theriault is a former NASCAR driver and was elected to the Maine House of Representatives. He has limited publicly available health care policy positions. Theriault's campaign manager has stated that "he'll oppose any effort, bill, or budget that cuts Social Security or Medicare, even if that means standing up to Members of his own party."

MICHIGAN



2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 50.6%
 47.8%

HOUSE MI-7 Toss Up | Note: Seat vacated by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D), who is running for Senate.

Curtis Hertel (D)

Curtis Hertel was the Director of Legislative Affairs under Governor Whitmer and served as the Ingham County Register of Deeds. He also served in the Michigan State Senate, where he worked to lower the cost of prescription drug prices and "hold pharmaceutical companies accountable." Overall, Hertel believes in protecting the *ACA*, Medicaid, and Medicare.

Tom Barrett (R)

Tom Barrett is a United States Army Veteran. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

$\ensuremath{\mathsf{MI-8}}$ Toss Up | Note: Seat vacated by Rep. Dan Kildee (D), who is not seeking re-election.

Kristen McDonald Rivet (D)

Kristen McDonald Rivet, a member of the Michigan State Senate, has worked as the Executive Director of Michigan Headstart, the Chief of Staff for Michigan's Department of Education, and Vice President of the Skillman Foundation. McDonald Rivet wants every American to have "access to quality health insurance, care, and prescription drugs they can afford." She wants to expand the ACA, allow more Americans to buy into Medicare, and expand the *IRA* by allowing "Medicare to negotiate lower prices on more prescriptions."

Paul Junge (R)

Paul Junge was a prosecutor, news anchor, and was employed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. He advocates for "lowering out-of-pocket costs by increasing the availability of generics, speeding up the FDA approval process, and providing greater price transparency." Junge is against raiding the Social Security fund and believes in increasing fiscal responsibility in Washington to ensure Medicare provides seniors benefits.

MI-10 Lean Republican

Rep. John James (R)

Incumbent | Rep. John James served eight years in the military as a Ranger-qualified aviation officer, the President of James Group International and the CEO of Renaissance Global logistics prior to being elected to Congress. He voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act.* He introduced the *TELEMH Act of 2024* to improve access to mental health care by changing Medicare reimbursement policies for mental health services provided via telehealth. James is focused on expanding mental health services, particularly through telehealth, to make care more accessible.

Carl Marlinga (D)

Carl Marlinga served as the Macomb County Prosecutor, an Assistant U.S. attorney, and a judge on the 16th Judicial Circuit Court and probate Court. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

MINNESOTA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 52.4% 45.3%

HOUSE MN-2 Lean Democrat

Rep. Angie Craig (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Angie Craig is a former newspaper reporter, small business investor and former head of Global HR and Corporate Relations for a Minnesota manufacturing company. She introduced the Affordable Insulin Act requiring both Medicare and private insurance to cap insulin costs at \$35 per month. She supports the drug pricing provisions in the IRA and will continue to stand up to "Big Pharma on behalf of hard working families." She "led the effort to fix the 'Family Glitch' in the ACA" and voted to extend the ACA premium tax credits. She supports establishing a public option health plan in Minnesota to "compete with large insurance companies" and has focused on increasing access to mental health services by funding new clinics and expanding telehealth, especially in rural areas. Additionally, she advocates for veterans, helping them access mental health care, secure benefits, and find employment.

Joe Teirab (R)

Joe Teirab is a Marine and a former federal prosecutor. He supports efforts to bolster mental health benefits and services for veterans and their families and opposes cuts to Medicare.



MONTANA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 40.6% 56.9%

SENATE Lean Republican

Tim Sheehy (R)

Tim Sheehy is a business owner and previously served in the U.S. Navy. He opposes the IRA and has criticized government-run health care saying, "a single-payer health care and government-run health care for everybody, one-size fits all, that's a pathway to a disastrous health care system." During a debate in September, he commented that, "We've got to continue to make sure Medicare and Medicaid are funded, but private health care is going to be our answer to make sure we continue to provide those key services to rural Americans." Sheehy promotes greater transparency, competition, and shopping for health care services. He believes "we should be rewarding outcomes and innovation, improving access to care in our rural communities, and most importantly, protecting Montanans with pre-existing conditions." He also wants to "make sure the politicians back in Washington don't touch Medicare." Sheehy has supported pediatric health care, neonatal intensive care, and trauma care for Montana families through the donations and work of the Sheehy Family Foundation.

Sen. John Tester (D)

Incumbent | Senator Tester is a farmer and former teacher. He supports the IRA and is an advocate for lowering the cost of prescription drugs and lowering out-of-pocket costs for consumers. Senator Tester introduced the Protect Patient Access to Pharmacies Act, legislation that would stop PBMs from retroactively charging excessive fees to rural pharmacies. He supports increasing transparency, including the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act. Senator Tester also supports expanding access to telehealth, mental health services, and using artificial intelligence (AI) as a tool to provide veterans with health care and benefits. He aims to protect Medicare "from being privatized or turned into a voucher system" and make it solvent "for generations to come."

NEBRASKA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 39.2%
 58.2%

HOUSE NE-2 Toss up

Rep. Don Bacon (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Don Bacon previously served in the U.S. Air Force rising to the rank of Brigadier General. He opposed the *IRA*. He cosponsored the *Lower Costs, More Cures Act* and voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*. Bacon supports expanding access to telehealth, specifically to promote the inclusion of mental health support in pediatric primary care. He also supported the *Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act*, which focuses on expanding care for those struggling with substance use disorders or severe mental illness.

Tony Vargas (D)

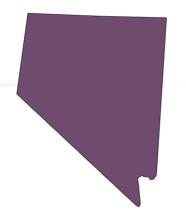
Tony Vargas is a former teacher turned State Senator. He states that "Medicare, like the VA or private insurance companies, should be able to negotiate the price they pay pharmaceutical companies for all drugs, not just 10 of them." Vargas also advocates to bring generic drugs to market sooner to lower costs and increase competition. In the State Senate, he passed a bill on opioid treatment and prevention in which pharmaceutical companies would pay for treatment. Vargas supports expanding access to Medicare by allowing a person "of any age to buy into a Medicare-like health care plan at an affordable rate."

NEVADA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 50.1%
 47.7%



SENATE Lean Democrat

Sen. Jacky Rosen (D)

Incumbent | Senator Rosen is a former computer programmer and synagogue president; her husband is a radiologist. She helped introduce the Health Care Affordability Act, which would make the ACA's enhanced premium tax credits permanent. The Senator supported the IRA, continues to support lowering health care costs and prescription drug prices, and has stated that she will "keep fighting to expand Medicare's ability to negotiate more Rx drug prices and help lower costs for ALL hardworking Nevadans." Senator Rosen has prioritized addressing provider shortages and expanding access to telehealth and rural health care, and supports improving cybersecurity in health care and public health sectors, introducing the *Healthcare* Cybersecurity Act. While her statements on artificial intelligence are not directly related to health care, she notes its importance in the future of our country. She supports increasing veterans' access to quality health care and suicide prevention programs and expanded mental health care for students, tribal communities, and first responders. The Senator also highlights protecting Medicare benefits for seniors.

Sam Brown (R)

After Sam Brown was medically retired from the U.S. Army he launched a small business that provides emergency pharmaceutical support to veterans outside of the VA. He believes "we need conservative leaders who understand that competition – not government – drives medical innovations that lead to better care and lower costs." Brown is "fully committed to making health care more affordable for everyone, while preserving coverage for preexisting conditions." Brown supports expanding networks at the Department of Veterans Affairs, including health care, lowering taxes on medicines, and protecting Medicare.

HOUSE NV-3 Lean Democrat

Rep. Susie Lee (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Susie Lee worked as an education non-profit leader prior to being elected to Congress. Drawing on her own family's experience she supports recent policies such as capping the cost of insulin. She "stood up to Big Pharma" and voted for the *IRA* and wants to continue the "fight to lower costs and make drug prices more transparent so families can make better decisions and see their lower costs in real time." She is committed to expanding telehealth and improving access to health care in rural areas. Lee focuses on mental health services for veterans and youth and is actively working to combat the opioid crisis. She emphasizes the importance of providing resources and care for both students and veterans.

Drew Johnson (R)

Drew Johnson owns a small marketing and communications business with his wife and is a government waste expert and author. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

NEW HAMPSHIRE



2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 52.9%
 45.5%

HOUSE NH-2 Lean Democrat Note: Seat vacated by Rep. Ann Kuster (D), who is not seeking re-election.

Maggie Goodlander (D)

Maggie Goodlander has served as a senior advisor to President Biden, and as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General. Prior experience includes serving as a foreign policy advisor for the U.S. Senate, as an intelligence officer in United States Navy Reserve, and becoming a law clerk for the U.S. Supreme Court. She supports "expanding access to affordable health care and prescription drugs." When working in the Biden White House, Goodlander led the Unity Agenda initiative that aimed to tackle the opioid epidemic and mental health crisis among other priorities. Goodlander believes in protecting Social Security, Medicare, and the ACA.

Lily Tang Williams (R)

Lily Tang Williams is a professional speaker, has authored several published opinion articles, and chairs the NH Asian American Coalition. She manages rental properties and serves part-time as an expert witness on China-related cases stemming from her upbringing in China under oppressive conditions. She managed to leave the country to study in the US. She has limited publicly available health care policy positions outside of wanting to strengthen Social Security and Medicare for seniors.

NEW JERSEY

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 57.3% 41.4%

HOUSE NJ-7 Toss Up

Rep. Thomas Kean, Jr. (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Kean was a President George H.W. Bush appointee to the Environmental Protection Agency, worked as a legislative staffer for Congressman Bob Franks (R-NJ), and as a volunteer firefighter and an emergency medical technician. The congressman supports increased innovation in the medical industry and bringing drug manufacturing back to the U.S. as a method to lower drug prices. He supports transparency in health care and expanding affordable access. Additionally, he advocates for expanding telemedicine and ensuring parity in reimbursement rates. Rep. Kean has worked specifically to increase access to mental health for veterans and their families with his support as the original Republican cosponsor of the Vet CENTERS for Mental Health Act.

Sue Altman (D)

Sue Altman played professional basketball and then became a teacher prior to serving as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Working Families Alliance. Altman prioritizes youth behavioral and mental health as policy issues and specifically mentions supporting increased funding for and working to decrease the stigma around mental health. Her website notes her view that House Republicans "are attempting to gut Medicare" and she will fight to protect it.

NEW MEXICO

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 54.3% 43.5%

HOUSE NM-2 Toss Up

Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Vasquez is an entrepreneur, a former member of Senator Heinrich's (D-NM) staff. served as the executive director of the Las Cruces Hispano Chamber of Commerce, and was on the Las Cruces City Council. His health care policy priorities focus on affordability and accessibility, particularly for those in rural areas. He supported the Lower *Costs, More Transparency Act* and supports "a public option... lowering the eligibility age for Medicare to 55, and ensuring that Medicare can negotiate for lower prescription drug costs." Additional priorities include increasing the number of health care providers available to care for patients and expanding Medicare to include additional benefits.

Yvette Herrell (R)

Former Rep. Yvette Herrell was a realtor and state Representative in the New Mexico House prior to being elected to the U.S. Congress. She currently does not highlight health care positions on her materials, but does mention "care for our veterans" as a priority. During her term in Congress (2021-2023) Herrell did oppose the *IRA*.

NEW YORK

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 60.9% 37.8%



HOUSE NY-4 Toss Up

Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R)

Incumbent | Rep. D'Esposito was an NYPD detective and served as a local councilman. D'Esposito believes in "access to high-quality, affordable health care including those with pre-existing conditions" and ensuring a strong system of employer-provided insurance. He has been active on issues dealing with mental health and addiction including introducing legislation on the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances. His website notes that "he will continue working to ensure that federal health care policy empowers patients to make their own health care decisions, lowers the cost of prescription drugs, and protects the most vulnerable."

Lauren Gillen (D)

Laura Gillen has worked as a lawyer and served as Hempstead Town Supervisor. She does not include relevant health care positions on her website.

NY-17 Toss Up

Rep. Mike Lawler (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Lawler served in the New York State Assembly and as a Deputy Town Supervisor. He also founded a government affairs and public relations firm. The congressman highlights his support for protecting Medicare and his bipartisan bills that aim to expand health care access for veterans and their families. He voted in support of the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* and has led bills increasing mental health services, like the bipartisan *Community Mental Wellness Worker Training Act*, which would increase federal funding for mental health training programs in under-served communities.

Mondaire Jones (D)

Former Rep. Jones worked in the Department of Justice during the Obama Administration prior to becoming a litigator in the Westchester County Attorney's Office. Jones supported capping the price of prescription drugs for Medicare recipients during his term in Congress (2021-2023). Materials on his website note his efforts to "take on pharmaceutical companies" to lower drug prices for his constituents.

NY-18 Lean Democrat

Rep. Pat Ryan (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Pat Ryan is a combat veteran, serving two tours in Iraq. Prior to serving in Congress he served as the Ulster Country Executive. Rep. Ryan supported the IRA and introduced the Protecting Social Security Act to provide seniors with easier access to Social Security and Medicare services in their communities. He voted against the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act. He is committed to improving mental health and addiction recovery resources, having reinstated a county mental health department and increased funding for these services as County Executive. He also fought for federal funding to establish the county's first crisis stabilization center as part of his commitment to address addiction and illicit drugs.

NY-19 Toss Up

Rep. Marc Molinaro (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Molinaro is a former Mayor, State Assemblyman, and County Executive. The congressman voted in support of the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* and advocates for expanding telehealth services into rural communities. He supports government funding to invest in mental health and substance abuse issues, specifically through expanding "access to mental health care by integrating such care into primary care settings" and "placing a greater focus on those experiencing severe mental illness." He notes his experience in establishing a county drug task force and support for "improving warmhandoff policies and coordination."

NY-22 Lean Democrat

John Mannion (D)

John Mannion is a former public school teacher and member of the New York State Assembly. He supports "negotiating lower drug prices and capping the cost of insulin for more Americans." He is focused on improving access to mental health services, and ensuring veterans receive mental health support. Mannion believes people should be able to keep their private health insurance plans if they choose and supports protecting the *ACA*.

Alison Esposito (R)

Alison Esposito was a Deputy Inspector and a Commanding Officer in the 70th Police Precinct of the New York City Police Department prior to running for Lt. Governor. She is focused on protecting Social Security and Medicare and opposes any cuts to these benefits for seniors. She is dedicated to supporting veterans, with a focus on combating veteran suicide and homelessness. Esposito advocates for expanding mental health services for veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI, and other service-related conditions.

Josh Riley (D)

Josh Riley was an attorney in private practice after working as both a policy analyst at the Department of Labor and on the staff of Senator Al Franken (D-MN). Riley "believes that health care should be a civil right in America." He has a robust health care agenda that includes support for policies that: "lower the cost of prescription drugs, including by ending pay-for-delay deals that jack up prices by reducing competition"; he also supports a public option for health insurance; improved access to health care in rural communities; adding additional services to be covered under Medicare; and increasing "investment in our public health system so we can be prepared for future pandemics."

Rep. Brandon Williams (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Brandon Williams served as a nuclear submarine officer in the Navy prior to earning his MBA and founding both an agribusiness and a software company. He has limited public health care policies. He opposed the *IRA* and voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act.*

NORTH CAROLINA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 48.7% 50.1%

HOUSE NC-1 Toss Up

Rep. Don Davis (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Davis served in the U.S. Air Force, was an assistant professor at East Carolina University, and currently serves as a minister at his church. The congressman supports lowering health care costs, improving rural access, and expanding addiction treatment. He has been active in supporting legislation that "would help find a federal alternative to states who have yet to expand Medicaid," prioritizes issues affecting rural and under-served communities and has co-led efforts to enhance research on conditions that have a disproportionate effect on rural and low-income communities.

Laurie Buckhout (R)

Laurie Buckhout is a retired U.S. Army Colonel and founded her own consulting business after retiring from the Army. She does not include relevant health care positions on her website.

OHIO

SENATE

Toss up

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 45.3%
 53.3%

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D)

Incumbent | Senator Brown is a former teacher, state representative, and Ohio Secretary of State. The Senator supports lower prescription drug prices and increased transparency in the drug supply chain. He is a cosponsor of *The Health* Care Affordability Act, which would make the ACA's enhanced premium tax credits permanent. The Senator also voted for the *IRA* and supported the Better Mental Health Care, Lower Drug Cost, and Extenders Act to "help to hold pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) accountable, reduce prescription drug costs, and increase access to mental health care services" when it passed the Senate Finance Committee. While his privacy and artificial intelligence concerns are not directly related to health care, Senator Brown has made public statements about the government's role in protecting individuals against scams and data collection. He also supports veterans' access to health care and expanding access to mental health telemedicine services, particularly for kids and under-served populations.

Bernie Moreno (R)

Bernie Moreno is a businessman who served on the board of trustees for the MetroHealth System, a non-profit health care system in Cleveland. Moreno has limited publicly available policy stances on health care. He supports a small government and a free, competitive market and opposes the *IRA*.

HOUSE OH-9 Lean Democrat

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Kaptur worked as a city and regional planner prior to working as a domestic policy advisor in the Carter Administration. The congresswoman supports "empowering Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices" and requiring additional transparency and detailed reporting on drug pricing. She is also a strong advocate for behavioral and mental health, having secured funding for veterans and armed forces members suffering from PTSD.

Derek Merrin (R)

Derek Merrin is an Ohio State Representative and real estate investor. He has also served on City Council and as the Mayor of Waterville. Merrin's public stance on health care priorities includes maintaining solvency in Medicare. While in the State House, he sponsored a bill that was signed into law that made it easier for epinephrine pen ("Epi Pen") competitors to compete by allowing pharmacist-led substitution, lowering costs for patients.

OH-13 Toss up

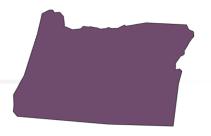
Rep. Emilia Sykes (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Sykes was a State Representative before being elected to Congress. She recognizes the health care industry as a leading employer in her district. The congresswoman believes everyone deserves access to quality, affordable health care and "prescription drugs that won't break the bank." She introduced the *Mental Health Improvement Act* to expand access to mental health resources and has made eliminating health inequities a focus of her Congressional work. She supports capping the price of insulin and ensuring affordable long-term care options.

Kevin Coughlin (R)

Kevin Coughlin is a small business owner and has served in both the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate. He does not include relevant health care positions on his website.

OREGON



2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 56.9%
 40.7%

HOUSE OR-5 Toss Up

Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Chavez-DeRemer is a small business owner of an anesthesia management company and opened several medical clinics in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, who is a physician. Chavez-DeRemer was Mayor of Happy Valley and served as City Council president. She prioritizes access to quality health care, particularly mental health care, addressing rising prescription drug costs and expanding telehealth. She notes that she "will focus on finding solutions that provide patients with flexibility without sacrificing accessibility."

Janelle Bynum (D)

Janelle Bynum is a small business owner and runs four restaurants. As a member of the Oregon House of Representatives, she has "worked to expand access to health care and mental health services." She has highlighted a need for Congress to take steps to lower the cost of health care, starting "with protecting Medicare, expanding Medicaid, and lowering the cost of prescription drug prices."

OR-6 Lean Democrat

Rep. Andrea Salinas (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Andrea Salinas worked on the staff of Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) and Reps. Pete Stark (D-CA) and Darlene Hooley (D-OR) prior to being an advocate for several organizations and then serving in the Oregon House of Representatives. She believes that "health care is a human right, and [is] fighting to ensure all Americans can access the quality, affordable care they need and deserve." She also notes that she was "thrilled that the Inflation Reduction Act provided Medicare the ability to negotiate certain drug prices." She voted for the *Lower* Costs, More Transparency Act and has cosponsored legislation to improve health care in rural communities. Rep. Salinas is focused on addressing addiction and homelessness by expanding mental health services, funding addiction treatment, investing in affordable housing, and increasing economic opportunities.

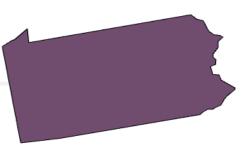
Mike Erickson (R)

Mike Erikson is a community philanthropist and business leader. He has limited publicly available health care policy priorities but believes improving competition is a start to ensure access to affordable health care.

PENNSYLVANIA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 50% 48.8%



SENATE Lean Democrat

Sen. Bob Casey (D)

Incumbent | Senator Bob Casey is a former lawyer and Treasurer and Auditor General of Pennsylvania. The Senator supports the drug pricing provisions of the *IRA*. He has introduced bipartisan legislation, the *Protecting Seniors from High Drug Costs Act*, that increases transparency for PBMs and limits certain business practices. He was a strong supporter of telehealth use during COVID-19 to assist Medicare or Medicaid-funded nursing facilities. Sen. Casey supports mental health aid for veterans, expanding health care to all Americans, and protecting Medicare and Medicaid.

David McCormick (R)

David McCormick served in the U.S. Army and was the CEO of a tech startup and an investment firm. He also served as Under Secretary of Treasury and as a Deputy National Security Advisor. His wife, Dina, served in several roles during the George W. Bush Administration and served as a Deputy National Security Advisor and an Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor for Economic Initiatives in the Trump Administration. McCormick stated in a recent debate that he would "stand by Medicare, [and] wouldn't accept any changes to those programs." As a veteran, he focuses on quality health care and mental health care for veterans. In August, on The Dawn Stensland Show, McCormick spoke out against the *IRA* and said, "the best way to ensure that we get drug prices down and health care costs down is to make sure we have adequate competition and having the government negotiate pharmaceutical prices, call me a skeptic, except maybe in very select cases, where we really do have significant price increases, I support the cap on insulin... because that's such a pervasive thing we need to make that accessible. But, generally speaking, I am very skeptical of big government... negotiating drug prices. I am much more comfortable with ensuring we have the right competition to drive down drug prices for all consumers."

HOUSE PA-7 Toss Up

Rep. Susan Wild (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Wild built a law practice and was the City Solicitor for Allentown, PA prior to being elected to Congress. The congresswoman has been very active on health care issues during her time in Congress. She "is a respected leader in Congress on lowering the cost of prescription drugs" including leading efforts "urging that Medicare finally be allowed to negotiate the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs and that the lower negotiated rates be available to everyone, not just those on Medicare." She is committed to building on the base of the ACA. Addressing mental health issues, specifically suicide, has been a cornerstone of her health care work in Congress. Rep. Wild voted for the Lower Costs, More Transparency Act and is a cosponsor of the Medicare for All Act.

Ryan Mackenzie (R)

State Rep. Mackenzie served as the director of policy at the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry. He supports protecting Medicare from cuts that would reduce beneficiary benefits and increase access to and affordability of health care while protecting coverage of preexisting conditions. State Rep. Mackenzie has supported increased transparency measures, specifically for hospitals in the state house and has worked to ensure access to lower-cost generic medications for his constituents.

PA-8 Toss Up

Rep. Matt Cartwright (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Cartwright was a lawyer. He believes that "no one should have to choose between putting food on the table or paying for lifesaving medications." He supports Medicare for All and voted for the *IRA* to allow "Medicare the power to negotiate drug prices" in addition to capping insulin copays and out-of-pocket costs for seniors. The congressman also supports increased government funding for mental health services and supports telehealth as part of his broader focus on health care accessibility and expanded access to mental health services.

Rob Bresnahan, Jr. (R)

Rob Bresnahan, Jr. is CEO of a construction company and venture capitalist. He includes limited health care positions on his website but does note that he "will always fight to protect Social Security & Medicare" and does not support benefit cuts to the programs.

PA-17 Lean Democrat

Rep. Chris Deluzio (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Chris Deluzio is an Iraq War veteran, clerked for a federal judge, and worked as a voting rights attorney prior to being elected to Congress. He voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* and supports efforts "to allow Medicare to negotiate better prescription drug prices." He advocates for expanding Medicare to include additional services and supports lowering the Medicare eligibility age. Deluzio also aims to expand Medicaid coverage to home care services for seniors and people with disabilities, while working to close the Medicaid coverage gap.

Rob Mercuri (R)

Rob Mercuri is an Army veteran, serving two tours in Iraq, and a small business owner. He most recently served in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. He is focused on addressing the opioid crisis by working with treatment professionals to expand access to treatment options in local communities. He is also committed to supporting veterans, advocating for the funding of veterans' treatment courts to help veterans dealing with trauma, addiction, or mental illness connected to their service. Mercuri has pledged not to "vote to cut Social Security or Medicare for Pennsylvania seniors."

TEXAS

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 46.5%
 52.1%

HOUSE TX-34 Lean Democrat

Rep. Vincente Gonzalez (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Vicente Gonzalez practiced law prior to being elected to Congress. He voted in favor of the *IRA* and the *Lower Costs*, *More Transparency Act*. Rep. Gonzalez is focused on ensuring Social Security benefits keep pace with rising living and medical costs. He has advocated for expanding Medicaid, strengthening the *ACA*, and lowering prescription drug prices. Additionally, Gonzalez is committed to increasing funding for veterans' mental health services and health care.

Mayra Flores (R)

Former Rep. Mayra Flores previously served in Congress after winning a special election. She has a limited publicly avaiable health care policy priorities. She is committed to working toward lowering the costs of health care and prescription drugs. She has also pledged to protect Social Security and Medicare for seniors.

VIRGINIA

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 54.4%
 44.2%

HOUSE VA-2 Lean Republican

Rep. Jen Kiggans (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Jen Kiggans served in the U.S. Navy and then as a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. She has co-led the introduction of the Secure and Affordable Broadband *Extension Act*, aiming to improve broadband access and the Increasing Medication Access for Seniors Act to "increase awareness and outreach of Medicare beneficiaries' ability to spread prescription drug costs over the course of a year." Kiggans focuses on supporting high-risk youth through enhanced mental health and academic services, particularly via the "Achievable Dream" program. Additionally, she co-sponsored the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act to streamline health care access for seniors.

Missy Cotter Smasal (D)

Missy Cotter Smasal is a Navy Veteran and served as a Surface Warfare Officer and is the Executive Director of a local non-profit organization. She supports "expanding Medicare's ability to negotiate lower prices to more prescriptions." Cotter Smasal also supports creating a public option and keeping private insurance for those who prefer to keep it.

VA-7 Lean Democrat | Note: Seat vacated by Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D), who will be running for Governor.

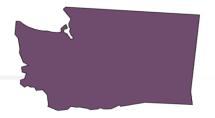
Eugene Vindman (D)

Eugene Vindman is a lawyer who served in the U.S. Army and on the National Security Council. Vindman is supportive of artificial intelligence and American innovation but notes the need for regulations to protect consumers and national security. He supports expansion of rural broadband to increase access to telehealth services and believes more flexible options to access care, including urgent care and mobile clinics are important priorities to address.

Derrick Anderson (R)

Derrick Anderson previously served in the U.S. Army and is now a practicing attorney. He has limited publicly available health care positions.

WASHINGTON



2020 ELECTION RESULTS

 Biden
 -v Trump

 58.4%
 39%

HOUSE WA-3 Toss Up

Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D)

Incumbent | Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez was a small business owner. The congresswoman voted in favor of the *Lower Cost, More Transparency Act.* She advocates for expanding telehealth services, particularly in rural areas, and supports expanding access to mental health services for veterans and their families. She also focuses on ensuring health care is more accessible and affordable and wants to expand access to treatment and rehabilitation programs for those fighting addiction.

Joe Kent (R)

Joe Kent served in the Special Forces before working as a field operative in the CIA. He also served as a foreign policy advisor to President Trump and as a project manager for a technology company. Kent has limited publicly available health care positions, but does support expanded access to Tricare, Veterans Choice health care programs, and rural VA clinics.

WISCONSIN

2020 ELECTION RESULTS

Biden -v- Trump 49.6% 48.9%



SENATE Toss Up

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D)

Incumbent | Senator Baldwin is a former lawyer, member of the County Board of Supervisors, Wisconsin State Assemblywoman and Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Baldwin voted for the IRA and highlights several of the drug pricing provisions as positive steps forward. Inspired by a childhood illness that left her with "nowhere to get insurance," in September 2024 she introduced the Health Care *Affordability Act*—legislation to make permanent the ACA's enhanced premium tax credits, set to expire in 2025. She introduced the Capping Prescription Costs Act, extending the IRA annual cap to the commercial market. Senator Baldwin has championed modernizing health privacy laws and regulations, including introducing the bipartisan Health Data Use and Privacy Commission Act. She is an advocate for expanding access to telehealth and mental health care. The Senator also supports allowing Americans aged between 50 and 64 to buy into Medicare.

Eric Hovde (R)

Eric Hovde is an entrepreneur and started the Hovde Foundation, which supports several local charities. His health platform is focused on lowering costs, improving access to care, and transparency. He has called for reforms to the health care system "so it works for all Americans" and believes that "the ACA has failed to live up to its expectation." Hovde, who has Multiple Sclerosis, believes the ACA's preexisting conditions clause should be protected.

HOUSE WI-3 Lean Republican

Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R)

Incumbent | Rep. Derrick Van Orden is a retired Navy SEAL, actor, and owner of a café. He will "work to make sure individuals with preexisting conditions are protected when Obamacare is fully repealed and a new system is implemented allowing for true competition in health care, driving costs down." He voted for the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act* and advocates for expanding telehealth services, particularly in rural communities. Van Orden is focused on improving access to both physical and mental health care for veterans by "cutting red tape at the VA."

Rebecca Cooke (D)

Rebecca Cooke is a small business owner and nonprofit leader. Cooke is committed to expanding Medicare to cover additional services and plans to gradually lower the Medicare eligibility age to cover more Americans. Cooke supports "ensuring Seniors can get the drugs they need at prices negotiated through Medicare and that drug companies can't inflate their prices based on brand or specialty of the drug." She also focuses on addressing mental health challenges in education, particularly the impact of the pandemic on both students and teachers.

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