John Delaney believes health care is a fundamental right for all Americans.

He is proposing the BetterCare Plan to create a real universal healthcare system to guarantee access, improve quality, lower costs and maintain choice. While Democratic presidential candidates support universal healthcare, there are multiple ways to achieve that goal. Delaney’s plan is the best option as it embraces a mixed model system to maximize choice for all Americans while ensuring every American has health insurance.

**DELANEY’S BETTERCARE PLAN WILL:**

- Create a universal health system by providing a government health care insurance plan for every American under 65 as a right with no premiums. Plans will guarantee coverage of preexisting conditions and the Affordable Care Act’s essential health benefits.
- Leave Medicare alone for those over 65.
• Decouple health care from employment. Tying access to health insurance to employment forces workers to stay in jobs they don’t like, distracts entrepreneurs from their main focus of running their businesses, and prevents wages from increasing.

• Not force individuals off their existing plans and onto a government plan.

• Keep private insurance options.
  • Retain choice for Americans by allowing anyone to opt-out of the government plan and receive a tax credit to purchase private health insurance if they choose.
  • Allow employers to negotiate supplemental private insurance for their employees if they choose.

• Lower drug prices by allowing the federal government to negotiate prescription drug prices.
  • In addition, Delaney will address the unfair cost differential between the U.S. and other OECD countries by instituting a 100% excise tax, levied on the pharmaceutical company, on the difference between the average price of a drug sold in the U.S. and the price of that drug in similarly economically developed countries. This would incentivize pharmaceutical companies to lower the cost on Americans.

• Invest in research to cure cancer, Alzheimer's and other diseases that are destroying lives.

• Support hospitals, including rural providers, and ensure we have high quality healthcare.

• Fully paid for by ending the corporate tax deduction for employer-sponsored insurance, allowing the government to negotiate on prescription drug prices and instituting a cost-sharing requirement for higher-income individuals.