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The Federal Perspective: What You Need to Know

We've provided you with information on how to get involved in the single payer issue at the state level, by contacting your local state representatives. Now you can take your concerns to the next level!



In order for Vermont's single payer system - as proposed in H202/S57 - to be fully functional in 2014 with federal funding, Congress must first pass federal waiver legislation that clears the way for such a system.

In its current form, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), allows states to obtain federal waivers from some of the PPACA requirements. These waivers can be issued beginning in 2017. Vermont is seeking to implement a single payer system in 2014; therefore, the Vermont Congressional Delegation is sponsoring legislation to accelerate the date to 2014.

President Obama and Democrats in Congress are supportive of legislation that would accelerate the waiver date to 2014 from 2017. Republican lawmakers are not supportive of this legislation because it would clear the way for untested and unproven single payer systems, such as the one proposed in Vermont.

Contact Your Federal Representatives Today

Contact your federal representatives today and urge them to oppose waiver legislation that would pave the way for a single payer system in Vermont. Click [here](#) to take action now.