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House Dem Campaign Chief On Medicare For All: “Hard To Conceive How That Would Work” & Price Tag “A Little Scary”

The Hill [reports](#) today that that “House Democrats’ new campaign chief on Tuesday **poured cold water on the progressive Medicare for All plan**, dismissing it as just ‘one idea’ out there and warning that its estimated \$33 trillion price tag was ‘a little scary.’” In an interview with the paper, Representative Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.), the chairwoman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), echoed the concerns of many Americans about the proposal’s disruptions to existing coverage and massive price tag:

*“What do we have – 130 million-something Americans who get their health insurance through their work? **The transition from what we have now to Medicare for all, it’s just hard to conceive how that would work.** You have so many jobs attached to the health care industry” ... **“I think the \$33 trillion price tag for Medicare for all is a little scary,”** she said. Various projections have concluded that the bill, which is formally backed by 107 House Democrats, would cost the government \$32 trillion to \$33 trillion over 10 years ... **“The vast majority of Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives want to see us fix the Affordable Care Act and make it functional,”** she said, “so we can protect people with pre-existing conditions and so people have affordable health care.”*

Notably, an [analysis this week by CNN](#) found that “[t]hough the single-payer idea is generating much more conversation than previously from prominent Democrats – including endorsements from several candidates seeking the party’s 2020 presidential nomination – **it has attracted very little support from House members beyond the most reliably Democratic districts...**”