

**The Illusion of Coverage:
*How Health Insurance Fails People When They Get Sick***

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The Access Project (TAP) has served as a resource center for local communities working to improve health and healthcare access since 1998. The mission of The Access Project is to strengthen community action, promote social change, and improve health, especially for those who are most vulnerable. TAP conducts community action research in conjunction with local leaders to improve the quality of relevant information needed to change the health system. The Access Project's fiscal sponsor is Third Sector New England, a non-profit with more than 40 years of experience in public and community health projects. TAP is affiliated with the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

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The Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC), founded in 1977, is a non-profit grassroots citizen action organization dedicated to the mission of health care for all. CCHCC is founded on the premise of participatory democracy and the belief that meaningful change in the health care system will come only with the active involvement of consumers. CCHCC works to bring a consumer voice and consumer-driven changes to the health care system through education, advocacy, and community organizing. CCHCC is a community-based organization with over 7,000 members working locally on issues of national importance.

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Florida CHAIN (Community Health Action Information Network) is a statewide network of organizations dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Floridians, especially disenfranchised constituencies. Florida CHAIN works by linking and building the capacity of communities for national, state, regional and local advocacy. Priorities include: promoting access to health care at the local, state and national levels; supporting local healthcare reforms; and building community leadership through the empowerment of those most affected by these issues by providing timely information, policy and skills training, and structures for collaborative strategy development.

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Health Access California is a statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition of over 200 organizations working for the goal of quality, affordable, health care for all Californians. Since 1987, Health Access has played a significant role in leading the movement for health care reform in California. Health Access has promoted universal health care proposals and advocated for specific incremental reforms that promise to provide immediate health care services to California's most vulnerable populations.

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Health Care For All is building a movement of empowered people and organizations in Massachusetts with the goal of creating a health care system that is responsive to the needs of all people, particularly the most vulnerable. It is dedicated to making quality care the right of all people, and supports a health care system that is universal, comprehensive, and equitable.

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Missouri Citizen Education Fund (MCEF) is a statewide labor-community coalition that mobilizes the grassroots through non-partisan voter registration, issue education, and training. MCEF unites constituencies in Missouri and works with allies "to promote more progressive public policy in the areas of health care, public education and fair taxes."

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The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) is a policy and advocacy coalition with 200 member groups in New York State that work with immigrants and refugees. As the coordinating body for organizations that serve one of the largest and most diverse newcomer populations in the United States, the NYIC has become a leading advocate for immigrant communities on the local, state, and national levels. With its multi-ethnic, multi-racial, and multi-sector base, the NYIC provides both a forum for immigrant groups to share their concerns and a vehicle for collective action to address these concerns.

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St. Louis Area Jobs with Justice (JwJ) is a coalition of 80 labor, community, student and religious organizations committed to protecting and improving the lives of workers. JwJ members take a pledge, "I'll be there five times a year for someone else's fight as well as my own, because when enough of us are there we all start winning." St. Louis Area Jobs with Justice is one of 40 JwJ coalitions throughout the country.

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Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio (UHCAN Ohio) is a statewide organization working throughout Ohio for high quality, accessible, affordable health care for all Ohioans and to re-shape the health care system. We build coalitions, provide policy analysis, train advocates, and mobilize grassroots action. UHCAN Ohio has offices in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati.

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