



IT'S TIME TO ACT ON HEALTHCARE COSTS!

With a community Healthcare Action Plan, we can take real action right here at home to lower costs and make healthcare more accessible.

If passed, the Healthcare Action Plan will:



Bring community members, experts, and leaders together to develop ways for local families and small businesses to save on healthcare costs and access a doctor when we need one.



Empower us locally to analyze healthcare costs, accessibility, and policy at the state and national level to better understand how those decisions impact us back home.



Present policy recommendations and demand action to lower costs and get beyond partisan gridlock because access to healthcare is not a partisan issue!



Give us a louder voice to tell politicians like Congressman Bill Huizenga and Congressman Tom Barrett what we need them to do to make healthcare more affordable and more available to Michiganders.

Go to www.communityactionmi.com to learn more.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HEALTHCARE ACTION PLANS

THE PROBLEM:

We are paying more for doctor visits, medicine, and health insurance while the cost of groceries, gas, and housing keeps going up.

- ▶ Rising insurance premiums and new funding gaps caused by federal cuts have created a healthcare affordability crisis in Michigan.¹
- ▶ 130,000 Michiganders have lost healthcare insurance in the past year as a direct result of federal healthcare cuts.²
- ▶ Health insurance premiums are up more than 20% for families buying their own insurance and more than 11% for small businesses.³

Michiganders are hurting. But we're not waiting around — we're taking matters into our own hands because officials like Congressman Bill Huizenga and Congressman Tom Barrett voted for healthcare cuts that are driving up healthcare costs.

OUR SOLUTION:

An amendment to our city charter that establishes a citizen-led committee to create a **Healthcare Action Plan** to address healthcare costs and access in our community.

HOW IT WORKS:

- ▶ The amendment requires a local healthcare action plan that identifies local solutions to make healthcare more affordable, and gives our city a louder voice in demanding state and federal solutions that help all Michiganders get the healthcare they need.
- ▶ The amendment creates a citizen-led committee to gather public testimony from community members, hold public forums, analyze data, review government policies and laws that affect healthcare costs and access, and produce a biennial healthcare action plan.
- ▶ The healthcare action plan will evaluate local changes in health insurance and benefit coverage, track actions of federal and state officials, and recommend solutions to the healthcare affordability and accessibility crisis.
- ▶ City officials will adopt and publish the healthcare action plan to do everything we can locally to make healthcare more affordable and available, and to amplify our voices with state and federal officials so they act on the solutions Michiganders so desperately need.



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