

# HR 676: A WIN-WIN FOR NEW JERSEY IN HARD TIMES

HR 676 would provide single-payer national health insurance to every American. Health insurance premiums for American workers (both the worker's share and the employer's share) more than doubled between 1999 and 2007. HR 676 would fairly spread the cost, taking the burden off working people. State and local governments would save a bundle, freeing funds to help in hard times.

**The State of NJ would save \$2.5 billion per year – that's 7.5% of its 2008-2009 budget of \$33 billion.**

- \$1.7 billion on employee health benefits
- \$0.8 billion on charity care
- \$ 30 million on worker compensation costs



**NJ's un-funded post-retirement health benefits obligation would disappear – that's \$58 billion less debt.**

**Local governments in New Jersey would realize similar savings, reducing the State aid they require.**

- Trenton would save \$18.2 million/year
- Camden would save \$17 million/year  
(75% of Camden's budget comes from the State of NJ)
- Cape May County would save \$16.5 million/year

**IN ADDITION, HR 676 WOULD MAKE SURE THAT**

- Every adult and child in NJ has guaranteed, comprehensive, quality health care – **everybody in, nobody out, cradle to grave.**
- 95% of all New Jersey families would pay less of their income for health care

Some public officials say single-payer, non-profit national health insurance (publicly-funded and privately-provided) isn't politically feasible. But in these times, **can NJ – and all of the US - afford not to have it?**

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