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Sen. Bernie Sanders Featured Speaker at Washington, D.C. Rally

Thursday Celebrating Medicare’s 50th Anniversary Nurses, Community Leaders Join Call for Medicare for All

Sen. Bernie Sanders will highlight a large Washington, D.C. rally Thursday, July 30 in Upper Senate Park celebrating the 50th anniversary of Medicare, joining with other legislators, registered nurses and community members.

The event is part of a national day of action, in over 25 U.S. cities, that calls on policy makers to protect, improve, and expand Medicare to cover all Americans with a single standard of quality care not based on ability to pay, under a theme of "Medicare is as American as Apple Pie."

What: Rally and Lobby Day for Medicare's 50th Anniversary

When: Thursday, July 30 - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  Sen. Sanders is scheduled to speak at 9:45 a.m.

Where: Upper Senate Park, 200 New Jersey Ave NW Wash, D.C.

(the event will also be live streamed, at http://www.ustream.tv/channel/national-nurses-united)

In addition to Sen. Sanders, the Washington DC celebration will feature RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of National Nurses United and a national vice-president of the AFL-CIO, U.S. representatives, John Conyers (Ill.), Keith Ellison (Minn.), and Donna Edwards (Md.), other community leaders and entertainment.

In the afternoon nurses will lobby legislators to support legislation that would improve and expand Medicare to all. In other parts of the nation, actions include public forums, rallies, marches, skits, flash mobs and birthday celebration parties, picnics and BBQ's.

"After 50 years, we have a lot of experience with Medicare, enough time to see that it works, has kept tens of millions of Americans out of poverty, and remains enormously popular," said NNU Co-President Jean Ross, RN.


The day of action for Medicare’s 50th anniversary also includes actions in Boston and Western Massachusetts, Chicago, Detroit, El Paso, Tx., Lakewood, Oh., Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Oakland, Portland, Me., St. Paul, Mn., and other cities.