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## FATTAH ANNOUNCES HEALTH CARE PLAN

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** – Mayoral Candidate Chaka Fattah today released his plan for a healthier Philadelphia. Fattah's plan will cut health costs by providing broader health coverage and better health services for all Philadelphians.

"In the Fattah Administration, while reducing the cost of health care to city taxpayers, we will work with the private and nonprofit sectors to expand access to coverage," said Fattah. "And by making health care accessible and affordable for all of us, we will write Philadelphians back in instead of writing them off."

By purchasing in quantity, Philadelphia can reap a steep discount. The Fattah Plan would streamline health care covering all city workers through a single insurer system. A single health insurer, selected through a competitive bidding process, would provide a substantially lower cost-per-consumer plan. This would reduce administrative costs, create a set of annual budgets for hospitals working with the insurer, and negotiate drug prices and formularies.

Continuing with his commitment to bring government to the people, Chaka Fattah's administration would offer every uninsured Philadelphian an annual check-up. Residents would be able to go to easily accessible locations, such as neighborhood recreation centers, for these appointments.

"Everyone should have the right to see a doctor," said Fattah. "With nearly 140,000 Philadelphians uninsured and the health care disparities widening for low income and minority citizens, we need action now. Preventive care can save lives and reduce cost."

By improving the access and quality of preventive care for all Philadelphians, the city can reduce the demand for the most expensive care at the city's emergency rooms and reduce the cost of public health. The cost savings will not only benefit taxpayers and businesses, but also our health service providers.

"In a city where extraordinary medical care is nationally and internationally noted, it is past time for ordinary Philadelphians to have basic access to quality health care," said Fattah.

To learn more about the Fattah Plan for a Healthier Philadelphia, log on to our website at <http://www.phillyforfattah.com>

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