

- Require that the boards of public power agencies be controlled by a consumer majority rather than by representatives of the private utilities.

II. Promote conservation & guarantee safety

- Institute a program of direct grants, financed by the utilities, for weatherization, solar installation, and other energy-saving home improvements.
- Give local communities veto power over energy development projects in the community, and require any energy development project with over \$1 million in investment to file an "investment impact statement" describing how it intends to compensate the community for the short and long-term impact of development.
- Halt the construction of nuclear power plants until:
 - a. All safety issues have been satisfactorily resolved.
 - b. The current legal limitation on liability claims by victims of nuclear accident has been removed.
 - c. The nuclear power industry has assumed responsibility for the safe disposal of nuclear waste and has agreed to pay for any ill effects caused by these wastes.
- Halt government support of programs and activities in nuclear energy, and substitute programs and research into alternate sources of energy.
- Include shut-down costs in preliminary cost estimates for proposed nuclear power plants.
- Charge the federal government with financing the development of renewable energy sources.

- Increase federal funds for mass transit by converting the "highway trust fund" into a mass transit fund.
- Designate rationing as the only fair way to allocate scarce energy supplies if and when a genuine shortage of energy develops, with such rationing to be managed by local boards as was done during World War II.

III. Break the grip of the big energy companies

- Establish new public energy corporations, among them:
 - a. An energy development corporation to develop and market renewable sources of energy.
 - b. A public oil and gas corporation which has the right to develop oil and gas reserves on federally-owned land.
- Prevent any single corporation or conglomerate from owning a major interest in more than one of the following resources: oil, natural gas, nuclear energy, solar energy, and coal; or more than one of the following categories: source, refinery, shipping, or outlet.
- Establish and/or maintain price controls for gasoline, heating oil, and propane.
- Tax the windfall profits of all major energy corporations.

Health Care

Health care must be:

- Affordable.
- Accessible.
- Of equal quality for all.
- Controlled by the people of the community, not by doctors, hospitals and insurance companies.

To achieve this:

I. Introduce a set of immediate reforms in the present health care system.

- At hospitals:
 - a. Prohibit hospitals from turning away any patient who needs medical care.
 - b. Give low and moderate income members of the community a proportional share of seats on the governing boards of all hospitals.
 - c. Force hospitals to concentrate on providing basic quality care instead of wasting huge sums on showcase buildings and technological gadgets.
 - d. Bring all privately owned nursing homes under legislation requiring uniform minimum standards of operation.
- In the medical professions:
 - a. Require doctors—whose education is subsidized by the federal government—to work for three years in an area where there is a shortage of medical personnel.
 - b. Prosecute local chapters of the American Medical Association if they continue to fix prices for doctors's services.
 - c. Permit doctors to advertise prices and require price posting.
 - d. Prohibit doctors and dentists from refusing to accept Medicaid and Medicare patients.
 - e. Place members of the community on all medical licensing boards.
 - f. Increase the number of medical schools.
- At the health insurance companies:
 - a. Throw doctors and hospital administrators off the boards of directors, and replace them with a

low and moderate income majority.

- b. Require insurance companies to control hospital costs and medical fees rather than passing them on to their customers.
 - c. Prohibit discrimination by health insurance companies on the basis of race, sex, geography, or income.
 - d. Provide all women with the services of certified nurse midwives without the constraints and restrictions of the medical profession. Require all third party reimbursement to provide direct payment to certified nurse midwives.
- In the government:
 - a. Reform Medicaid and Medicare by:
 - Raising income and savings limits for eligibility and removing the spend-down requirement.
 - Financing in-home care for the elderly as an alternative to nursing home care.
 - Including dental care and other preventive treatment in all Medicaid and Medicare plans.
 - Allowing Medicare and Medicaid recipients unlimited nursing home care.
 - Providing direct, competitive payments to non-physician health care providers.
 - b. Charge state governments with setting maximum prices for basic hospital and medical services.
 - c. Require proportional representation of low and moderate income people on Health Systems Agency boards and other health planning boards.
 - d. Require generic substitution options and price posting of prescription drugs.