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Medicare for All/ Public Option	Build on Affordable Care Act; keep public option to compete with private insurance plans to achieve universal coverage Allow workers to keep private insurance if they choose	Establish Medicare for All, a single-payer system providing universal coverage Eliminate private insurance, including union-negotiated healthcare plans Propose directing resulting savings from union plans to provide wage increases and additional benefits during the transition to Medicare for All
Prescription Drugs	Allow Medicare price negotiations Allow consumers to buy prescription drugs from other countries Limit the prices of new drugs that face no competition Improve the supply of high-quality generics	Allow Medicare price negotiations Allow patients and providers to buy low-cost drugs from other countries Make sure no one pays more than $200 per year for their prescription drugs

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Opioid Epidemic	Hold pharmaceutical companies accountable for role in opioid crisis Boost access to drug addiction treatment	Expand access to public addiction recovery services Legalize safe injection sites
Health Inequities	Reduce maternal mortality through public and private partnerships and implementing a series of data-driven improvements Increase funding for rural health centers and hospitals Expand telehealth services	Increase funding to rebuild and expand rural healthcare infrastructure, including hospitals, maternity wards and mental health clinics End the racial disparities in our healthcare system by guarantee healthcare to all people of color as a right, not a privilege, through a Medicare for All single-payer program

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