

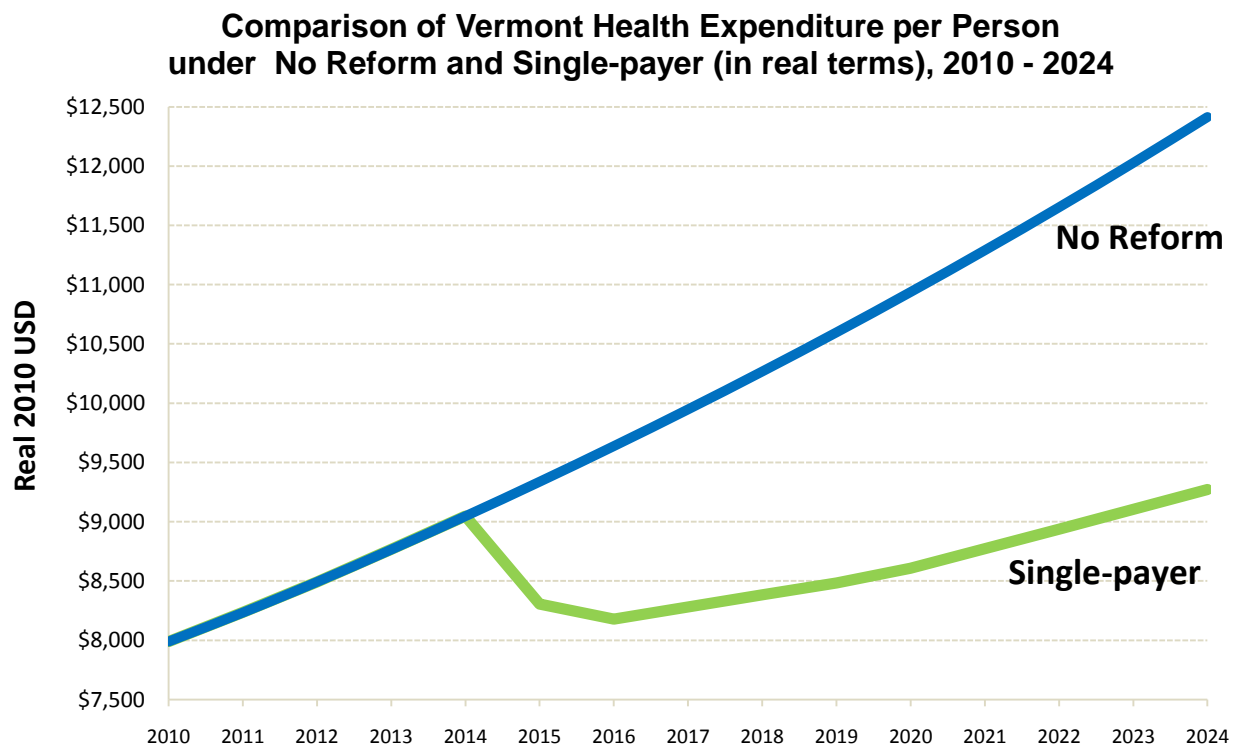


Results of Vermont's Health System Reform Design

In 2010, the Vermont legislature commissioned Dr. William Hsiao, a Harvard health economist, to design a health care system for the state that would provide equal health access for every Vermont resident, control health care costs, and increase primary health care services in the state.

Hsiao's final report, released in February 2011 (tinyurl.com/4lqy3r6), confirms what countless other studies (tinyurl.com/6xr4mdg) have shown: a single-payer system covers more and costs less. Specifically, the Vermont study showed that:

1. Compared to current system, **a single-payer system saves 25%** of total health care costs.



2. These **savings are then used to cover the uninsured**, increase benefits for the underinsured, invest in primary care and community hospitals – all without any increase in total health care spending.
3. Finally, **a single-payer health care system increases the economic health of the state by creating new jobs**. Although there would be some job losses in health care administration, there would be more jobs created in health care delivery, and elsewhere in the economy.

Given the economic crisis in our state, the failure of the federal bill to guarantee universal health care and control costs, and the continued tragic cutting of benefits and access to our public health programs - now is the time for the single-payer solution in Minnesota

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