A Comparison of Democratic Health Reform Plans

	Medicare for All	Medicare Advantage for All	Public Option (Medicare Expansion)
What is it?	Public agency pays for health care, direct to doctors / hospitals	Public agency pays for health care, often via for-profit private insurers	Mix of public and private payers, like today.
Who supports? (When clear; many waffle)	Sanders, Warren, De Blasio, Yang	Harris	Biden, Bennett, Delaney
Coverage			
Insurance level	100%	100%	95-100%
Comprehensive, standard benefit package	Yes	Uncertain	No
Free choice of doctor	Yes	No	No
Cost-sharing (deductibles, copays)	No	Yes	Yes
Stay with one plan over time	Yes	Maybe	No
Financials			
Huge administrative savings	Yes	No	No
Reductions in drug prices	Broad	Limited	Very limited
Overall costs	Down	Up	Up
Cost growth	Orderly via global budgets	Uncertain	Out of control
Financed via taxes	Yes	Partly	Partly
Net costs to households	Down for poor and sick, up for wealthy	Same or up	Same or up