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Portland Blues legend Norman Sylvester (right) belts out a tune calling for "Healing the healthcare blues" with his bass player Rob Shoemaker during a Feb. 4 Healthcare for All Oregon rally at the Capitol Building in Salem.

# Healing Healthcare

*Voices for universal coverage to sing the blues*

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It is year two for the Inner City's Blues Festival's "Healing the Healthcare Blues" and there is still plenty to sing about. On Saturday, April 13, the Melody Ballroom, 615 S.E. Alder St., will again serve as host for the benefit concert, raising money to help pay for the medical expenses of local musi-

cians in need and promoting a campaign for universal healthcare.

"I don't care what party you're in, Democratic or Republican, Healing the Health Care Blues, It's the only way we can win," local Blues legend Norman Sylvester belts out in a song he penned for the grassroots movement to make healthcare a right.

At a proud 67 years-old, and dressed in his unavoidable

red suit, Sylvester uses the lyrics to make a point during a Feb. 4 rally at the Salem Capitol Building, an event organized by Healthcare for All Oregon.

Sylvester knows the campaign for single-payer healthcare, which calls for the government to cover healthcare costs for

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