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## ***Citizens' Council for Health Freedom: Government Reorganization Is a Step in the Right Direction***

*Federal Government and HHS Are Far Too Large and Too Involved in Americans' Lives; Dollars and Responsibility Should Be Shifted to States*

**ST. PAUL, Minn.**—In a major move yesterday, the Trump administration announced a [wide-ranging government reorganization](#) that will rename the Department of Health and Human Services “Health and Public Welfare” and move the \$70 billion SNAP food stamp program out of the Department of Agriculture and into the new agency.

The plan would also form a new Council on Public Assistance that would oversee programs gathered in one place, including food stamps and Medicaid, [The Hill](#) reported, and have the power to impose uniform work requirements in those programs.

*Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, [www.cchffreedom.org](http://www.cchffreedom.org))* said the action is a step in the right direction.

*“Given how intrusive this department is in all our lives—from health surveillance to control of state exchanges to thousands of pages of Obamacare regulations—putting the focus of this department back on welfare is a good way to begin shrinking its size, power and cost to the American taxpayer,”* said CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase. *“But it will take more than a name change. The responsibility for welfare should be fully shifted to the states and state innovation with fewer taxes being sent to the federal government.”*

*“Furthermore, because food stamps are welfare, we support the move of the SNAP food stamp program into a department focused on welfare rather than a department focused on the agricultural industry,”* Brase continued. *“Putting all welfare programs in one department will hopefully increase accountability over the use and distribution of funds through this now \$70 billion program.”*

[Politico](#) reported earlier this week: “Health and Human Services already oversees Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which provides cash assistance to low-income households and Medicaid, which offers health coverage for more than 70 million Americans.”

The proposed changes are part of a sweeping government reorganization spearheaded by Mick Mulvaney, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, since his confirmation more than a year ago. Some of the proposals will require congressional approval to take effect. The Labor and Education departments would also merge under the plan, according to The Hill.

*CCHF* will soon release a groundbreaking book by Brase exposing how the government-imposed certified EHR has negatively affected both doctors and patients. Available this summer and published by Beaver’s Pond Press, “[\*\*\*Big Brother in the Exam Room: The Dangerous Truth About Electronic Health Records\*\*\*](#)” will show how Congress forced doctors to install a data-collecting surveillance system in the exam room. It includes comments from doctors and hard facts from over 125 studies and reports about the impact of EHRs on privacy, patient care, costs and patient safety. Brase’s extensively researched work also exposes how patient treatment decisions are controlled and tracked by the government-mandated EHR; shares specific steps back to freedom, privacy and patient safety; and communicates why Americans must act now.

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