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Citizens' Council for Health Freedom: Medicare for All is a Pipe Dream

Medicare for All Promises Are Just Like Obamacare Promises—Vowing Coverage But Guaranteeing Access to Nothing

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Democrats are touting Medicare for All and free health care for everyone. There's just one problem, says [*Citizens' Council for Health Freedom \(CCHF\)*](#).

It won't work.

“Anything that's considered free eventually becomes difficult to access,” said CCHF president and co-founder Twila Brase. “Proponents of Medicare for All are expecting doctors and hospitals to line up to be a part of a national health care system that limits care to control costs. Medicare for All promises are just like the promises of Obamacare, which was never designed to keep those promises. Medicare for All may promise coverage for everything, but it can guarantee access to nothing. It's Obamacare all over again, but worse.

“No new taxes, no deductibles, no premiums, no copays, no out-of-pocket costs?” Brase added. “Can they promise no rationing of care or access to a physician when you need one? No. It's a pipe dream.”

Last week, progressive members of Congress unveiled the bill that would “transition the U.S. healthcare system to a single-payer ‘Medicare for All’ program funded by the government in two years,” [Reuters](#) reported. The legislation would eliminate the age threshold of 65 and “would not require any beneficiaries to pay premiums or deductibles and would not charge patients co-pays or out-of-pocket costs after receiving care. It does not include new or increased taxes or other additional revenues to pay for the healthcare overhaul.” The bill's sponsor, Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) said the bill could be funded by a tax on millionaires and billionaires, employer premiums and closing tax loopholes for the wealthy.

Brase points out that several health care organizations are already looking into the bill and finding major flaws. For example, the American Hospital Association and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) said the bill “will hurt patients, consumers, and taxpayers: Americans will pay more, to wait longer, for worse care. Let's focus on real solutions that deliver real results, not a one-size-fits-all government system.”

Brase also notes that the 120-page “Medicare for All Act of 2019” begins with this statement: “There is hereby established a national health insurance program to provide comprehensive protection against the costs of health care and health-related services, in accordance with the standards specified in, or established under, this Act.”

“Stop there,” Brase says. “First, Medicare for All is not health insurance. It's a government program. Second, the protection against health care costs is limited to services that meet the standards established by the Act.”

Brase is exploring Medicare for All claims in her daily one-minute radio commentary, “[Health Freedom Minute](#).” Over the next few weeks, Brase will inform listeners how Medicare for All would negatively impact their choices, wallets and access to care. Listen to radio features [here](#) or contact media@hamiltonstrategies.com for information about airing “Health Freedom Minute” on your station.

In a new book, Brase writes extensively about government health care, the privacy-stealing HIPAA rule (Section IV), as well as socialized medicine, patient privacy, electronic health records, health freedom and how the Affordable Care Act has harmed patients and doctors since 2010. Find “***Big Brother in the Exam Room: The Dangerous Truth About Electronic Health Records***” online wherever books are sold or at BigBrotherintheExamRoom.com.

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