Florida Ends Limits on Health Care Competition

Forty-six years ago, Congress forced most states to pass a law requiring hospitals and other practitioners to seek government permission before offering or expanding health care services. Congress withheld money from states that refused. Thirty-five states passed this unconstitutional “certificate of need” law. In 1986, Congress repealed the federal law, but states did not.

Big hospitals love these laws because they stifle competition, allowing them to charge more. But in 2018, a physician sued the state of North Carolina to shut down the law and a judge recently ruled that the lawsuit can proceed. Florida has also repealed this law for most practices. Ask your state legislators to repeal anti-competitive certificate of need laws.
