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Finnish Government Quits Over Socialized Medicine Failure

On March 6, Senator Bernie Sanders tweeted that it costs \$12,000 in the U.S. to have a baby and only \$60 in Finland. On that basis, he pushed single-payer Medicare for All.

Bernie spoke too soon. Just two days later, the Finnish Prime Minister and his cabinet resigned. His government had failed to implement major reform of health care. The country's universal system is too expensive for taxpayers, so to cut costs and to prepare for 2030, when 25% of Finland's population will be over age 65, he had tried to centralize regional authority over the system. It didn't work. So regardless of what a patient may pay, expect Finnish taxpayers to pay much more.

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