



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## **Don't Combine Care and Coverage in Your Mind**

Socialized medicine provides both care and coverage. The term “health care” also combines care and coverage. Some say “health care” and mean their employer coverage and others mean medical care, but you don't know for sure which one they mean when they say it. This melding of care and coverage into one phrase softens the mind toward socialized medicine.

The combining of care and coverage is happening in corporations too. Health plans are buying clinics, as BlueCross did in Minnesota, and hospitals are buying health plans. This creates a conflict of interest with patients, aligning “financial incentives between insurers and health care providers” and turning patients into financial liabilities. It's time to separate care and coverage, in our minds, and in law.

**“Blue Cross, North Memorial Partner on Clinics,”** Christopher Snowbeck, StarTribune, June 25, 2019: <http://strib.mn/2ZLM3ZI>

**“Report Confirms Gradual Growth in Hospital-Owned Health Plans,”** Bob Herman, Modern Healthcare, April 14, 2016: <https://bit.ly/2xm4hos>

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