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Is Care or Coverage Most Important?

Let’s start this new year with a question. Is care or coverage most important? Which one do you value the most? This is not a chicken and egg question. Unlike the egg that needs the chicken to make it, care does not need coverage. And unlike the chicken that produces the egg, coverage does not produce care.

In fact, coverage often gets in the way of care. The health plan or government delays or denies care. It tells your doctor how to give care. It limits your choices. It refuses to pay for care you need. So when you’re sick or injured, is care or coverage most important? Your answer may demonstrate how today’s debate is focused on the wrong thing, and why universal coverage is the drumbeat of socialized medicine.