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In 1994, Congress almost shut down the federal agency that tried to get HillaryCare passed. But instead they renamed it the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and it’s been pushing Big Government ideas ever since. For example, it has the National Guideline Clearinghouse, which posts treatment protocols that conform to the way the federal government thinks doctors should treat patients.

Many protocols are outdated before they’re even published; others are biased. And lots of private entities publish their own protocols. Congress has wisely terminated funding for the Clearinghouse. The $19 million, five-year contract to run the website ends in July. Amazingly, a government program is going away!

“Guideline Clearinghouse to Shutter This Summer,” (Opioids, Opioids and More Opioids Today), Politico Pulse, April 24, 2018: https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-pulse/2018/04/24/opioids-opioids-and-more-opioids-today-181637
https://www.guideline.gov/home/announcements
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Take Notice
The AHRQ National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC, guideline.gov) Web site will not be available after July 16, 2018 because federal funding through AHRQ will no longer be available to support the NGC as of that date. AHRQ is receiving expressions of interest from stakeholders interested in carrying on NGC’s work. It is not clear at this time, however, when or if NGC (or something like NGC) will be online again. In addition, AHRQ has not yet determined whether, or to what extent, the Agency would have an ongoing role if a stakeholder were to continue to operate the NGC. We will continue to post summaries of new and updated evidence-based clinical practice guidelines until July 2, 2018. For any questions, please contact Mary.Nix@ahrq.hhs.gov.

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