January 21, 2014

Worse Than England's Death Panels

Remember the Obamacare death panels? The Independent Payment Advisory Board, or IPAB, created by Obamacare has no appointees yet. So nothing is happening. But as Howard Dean, former governor of Vermont, once said the Board is a rationing board. But unlike the appeals committees in the British National Health Service that review individual funding requests, IPAB will make decisions on whole categories of treatment.

It could issue a “quality measure” that would forbid all health care practitioners from providing a certain treatment ruled “ineffective” by IPAB. And there would be no appeal. This means even if you wanted to spend your own money for the care you need, you couldn’t.