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Doctors Shortage of 130,000

The U.S. has a shortage today of about 15,000 primary-care doctors, according to the federal government. The shortage of all types of doctors will climb to 130,000 in just 13 years, according to a medical college association.

Showing how poor centralized decision-making can be, federal regulators thought they wouldn’t need as many doctors because of managed care. So 15 years ago, they limited the number of medical students to 85,000. It takes 11 to 15 years to train each doctor and 75% of the funding comes from Medicare, which is expected to be bankrupt in 2024. We have a problem. Congressman Tom Price says private funding is needed, not more government funding.

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