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What Can We Learn from GAMC?

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens’ Council on Health Care.

The legislature severely restricted payment to hospitals for care given to people on the General Assistance Medical Care program. And now most hospitals are refusing to participate. There are four things to learn from this situation.

First, GAMC is funded solely by state tax payers and we can’t afford it.

Second, politics just hit fiscal reality.

Third, although GAMC covers 35,000 people, most people are in it for only six months. Meaning it’s just a payment system, not health insurance.

Fourth, this refusal is what’s in store for all of us when government takes over the health care system and refuses to pay the real cost of care. Care goes away. It will not matter that we are covered. Remember, coverage is not care.

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