Capping Medicare

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

Remember the infamous death panels?

Section 34-03 of ObamaCare sets in place a Board to “reduce the per capita rate of growth in Medicare spending.” This means that spending under Medicare has officially been capped.

It sounds a lot like Canada where doctors leave the country to practice in Florida after their annual patient spending limit has been reached. ObamaCare says the Board shall not ration care, but it requires reduced payments to providers.

These payment decisions will no doubt lead to changes in treatment decisions, essentially authorizing health care rationing.

The Board’s decisions will be carried out unless Congress overrules. How likely is that? What if the care you need never makes it into the political debate?

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