



Citizens' Council on Health Care

# Health Freedom Minute

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## Who's He Kidding?

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

Last week, a professor praised the British National Health Service – the NHS – in a *Star Tribune* commentary. While on sabbatical in London, he says he “had a right to be taken care of by the NHS” and he got a prescription “at no cost.” He claims the system does not ration “based on ability to pay” and that U.S. health outcomes are worse than England’s.

Could he be more wrong? He got coverage and medication scott-free because some Brit paid for it in less take-home pay. The NHS explicitly rations through waiting lines and limited access to new medications and technology. And English cancer outcomes are terrible. For example, according to John Goodman, while only 19% of American men with prostate cancer die from it, 57% of Brits with prostate cancer die as a result.

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