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THE MYTH

"The government will make medical decisions."

THE FACT

You and your doctor will make your medical decisions. Today, insurance companies do.

Right now, private health insurance companies decide your choices, your doctors and hospitals, and even how your health turns out. Under National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives), medical decisions are left to the patient and the doctor, as they should be.

WHO DECIDES YOUR CARE?

H.R. 3069 pays for your care and leaves the medical decisions to you and your doctor. Here is how it works.

1. **You and your doctor decide.** Decisions about your care stay a private matter between doctor and patient.
2. **Insurance companies lose their say.** Health insurance companies and other for-profit businesses no longer have any say in decisions about your care.
3. **No duplicate insurance.** Insurance companies may not sell coverage for services the program already covers.
4. **A public agency runs the program.** The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is in charge, and sets the rules with input from healthcare workers' unions, medical societies, medical schools, health experts, Native Nations and urban Indian health organizations, consumer groups, and business groups.
5. **Regional offices keep care within reach.** The Secretary can set up regional offices to run the program and make sure people can get care.

WHAT H.R. 3069 WILL DO

- ✓ **Remove barriers to care.** Takes away the cost and access barriers that stand between people and healthcare.
- ✓ **Fund everyday care.** A National Health Budget gives every doctor and hospital in the program enough to meet the needs of the people they serve.
- ✓ **Build and equip.** Pays to build and renovate healthcare facilities and to buy major equipment.
- ✓ **Reach rural and underserved areas.** Pays to build, renovate, and staff facilities there, and to close unfair gaps in healthcare.
- ✓ **Keep quality high.** Funds checks on the quality of care and the education of health professionals.
- ✓ **Prepare for emergencies.** Funds prevention and public health emergencies, and keeps money in reserve.
- ✓ **Help displaced workers.** Sets aside money for workers who lose their jobs because of the change.
- ✓ **Add funds for the Indian Health Service.** Provides extra money on top of its regular funding.

THE BOTTOM LINE

The government will not make your medical decisions. Insurance companies make them now, and H.R. 3069 ends that. National Improved Medicare for All removes the barriers to care and leaves the decisions to you and your doctor.

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