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THE MYTH

“National Improved Medicare for All will stifle innovation.”

THE FACT

Single payer frees innovation. Public money already pays for much of the medical research. The United States government funds much of today’s medical research through the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Drug companies often use that public research to make the drugs they sell, and they spend more on marketing and administration than on research. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) ends the marketing and frees doctors and scientists to focus on new discoveries.

WHERE SCIENCE COMES FROM

New treatments start with science. Here is where that science really comes from.

1. **Public money pays for research.** Much of today’s medical research is paid for by the public through the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a United States government agency.
2. **Drug companies use that research.** They often take research the NIH paid for and turn it into drugs they sell.
3. **More money goes to selling than to science.** Drug companies spend more than twice as much on marketing and administration as on research and development. That is not innovation.
4. **Single payer countries discover, too.** Other wealthy countries that have single payer systems have also made great scientific advances.

WHAT H.R. 3069 WILL DO

- ✓ **End the marketing.** H.R. 3069 prohibits marketing in the healthcare system.
- ✓ **Cut the cost of paperwork.** Slashes the administrative costs of the healthcare system, the money spent on billing and paperwork.
- ✓ **Let doctors and scientists do their work.** H.R. 3069 frees them to pursue scientific advances.
- ✓ **Make room for breakthroughs.** Opens the way to groundbreaking innovation, without worry about a corporation’s bottom line.
- ✓ **Cover everyone, drugs included.** Everyone in the United States gets all the care that is medically needed, and prescription drugs are covered.
- ✓ **End profit from denying care.** Stops corporations from making money by saying “no” to the care you need.

THE BOTTOM LINE

National Improved Medicare for All will not stifle innovation. It ends the marketing, cuts administrative costs, and lets doctors and scientists pursue the next great scientific advances, free from a corporation’s bottom line.

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