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"It's socialized medicine, a government takeover of healthcare."

THE FACT

No. It is not socialized medicine, and it is not a government takeover. Socialized medicine means doctors and hospitals work for the government. Under National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives), the government does not own or run hospitals or doctors' offices. Patients will have more freedom to choose and doctors will have more freedom to practice medicine than they have today.

WHAT "SOCIALIZED MEDICINE" REALLY MEANS

People use this phrase a lot, but it has a real meaning. Here is what it is, and why you hear it.

1. **Doctors and hospitals work for the government.** That is what makes a system "socialized medicine."
2. **The government pays their salaries.** Doctors get their paychecks from the government.
3. **It exists in a few places today.** Doctors in the Veterans Administration and the Armed Services are paid this way.
4. **The phrase is often used to scare people.** It is meant to make you picture government red tape getting in the way of your medical care.

WHAT HAPPENS UNDER NATIONAL IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL

- ✓ **The government does not own hospitals or doctors' offices.** There is no takeover.
- ✓ **The government does not run them, either.** It does not manage hospitals or medical practices.
- ✓ **Doctors and patients get more freedom.** They will have more say over care than they do today.
- ✓ **Health insurance plans stop running the system.** You and your doctor decide your care, not an insurance company.

THE BOTTOM LINE

No, this is not socialized medicine or a government takeover. The government does not own or run hospitals or doctors' offices. Doctors and patients get more freedom than they have today.

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