



We oppose any attempt to expand government-provided healthcare

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We oppose any attempt to expand government-provided healthcare and we recommend reforms that place healthcare decisions into the hand of the patients and their doctors.

Medicaid has provided worse healthcare outcomes than private insurance, and in some cases, worse than no insurance at all. Therefore, expanding the program would be totally inadvisable. In addition, once the federal government stops paying its share of a state's Medicaid expansion, the states will go broke paying for it on their own. Besides, the federal government is already \$17 trillion in debt, and Medicaid expansion would increase this debt, leaving our children and grandchildren to pay for it.

Medicaid expansion is a significant part of the Obama Administration's attempt to transform our healthcare system into a single-payer, government run program. The Patient Protection and AffordableCare Act ("Obamacare") seeks to achieve this goal by expanding Medicaid into the middle class.

This is intended to move many people out of their private health insurance and into a health insurance system proven to have poor quality and poor access. This attempt to transform our healthcare system is the antithesis of patient-centered, free-market economics.

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