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ObamaCare appears to an impending Train Wreck!

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I've worked in government healthcare for the past 25-years and seen the transition from fee-for-service to HMOs and PPOs in the private sector and the affect it had on healthcare providers and patient health. The private sector had it right. Healthcare insurance companies negotiated with their patient census for a better deal. I had the opportunity during my training to be present during executive meetings and learned firsthand that one patient can put a nonprofit healthcare facility in real financial trouble. The one thing I took away from the transition to HMOs and PPOs is that ultimately, someone has to pay for care.

Expanding Medicaid under ObamaCare sounds like a panacea. However, I believe that expanding Medicaid with ObamaCare will force more Virginia doctors to turn down Medicaid patients. I also believe that care will be rationed due to the expense and refusal by many to participate (i.e., pay for ObamaCare). As a result, underfunded and overcrowded healthcare facilities that will accept Medicaid patients will provide inadequate care. Under our current Medicaid system, Medicaid patients are almost twice as likely to die as patients with private insurance.

I am opposed to the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia (i.e., ObamaCare).

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