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Comment - I have Medicare/Medicaid. I don't think that the people pushing for Medicaid understand how difficult it is to find a physician that will take Medicaid, it is next to impossible, especially for any kind of specialized medical treatment. The doctors simply refuse to take it. I need a treatment now and have one choice of a physician to see, the doctor is horrible. I refuse to return to her office, much less allow her to do a surgical treatment on me. There are no other doctors in town that will do the procedure I need done that will accept Medicaid. I have found it is getting increasingly difficult to find doctors that will take Medicare, much less the combination of the two. I have learned first hand from living in "the system" how it has been designed to keep people dependent on the gov't. I am certain it that it has been done w/great purpose in mind to do just that, to keep people dependent. "The system" isn't there to help, it is there to keep you stuck. And that is the TRUTH. At one point in my life I had private insurance, and at another time I did not have any medical insurance at all so I understand what that is like, but I also know that it will be detrimental to our country to keep creating and increasing public assistance programs. I do not begrudge anyone healthcare, but I do know firsthand that gov't insurance isn't what it is portrayed to be. People will be in for a very rude awakening. It is a never ending maze of bureaucracy, incompetence, and rejection of treatments needed and wanted. Many tests are expensive, so instead of giving the patient the expensive test from the get go to get to the core of the problem, the gov't choses to deny the patient and forces them to do other forms of treatment first, all at a cost. 90% of the time, for example, if the MRI had been done in the beginning, the following year of physical therapy, x-rays, multiple follow up visits, medication, and other expenses could have been avoided if the MRI had been done first, but it isn't done that way. I lost over a year of my life due to this type of rationalizing, not to mention the pain and suffering. I know countless people that have suffered from injuries that have experienced this exact same problem. More money is spent to save money than is actually saved. It makes zero sense, but then what is run in the gov't that does sense? For years I worked in the healthcare system and I know exactly how bad it is. I shudder at the thought of Medicaid and those that run it increasing it to a much broader spectrum. What we have now is not efficient, is full of red tape, and run by those that are completely clueless, not to mention ignorant, in every aspect of healthcare, business management, quality care, quality control, and personal connection to understanding and knowing what a patient needs. No two individuals are the same, and gov't healthcare is run as if everyone is exactly identical to the next person in line. So until those problems are addressed we should not be burdening the Commonwealth of VA w/more financial waste and dysfunction. Every form of gov't we have from local, to state, to federal is riddled with corruption, abuse, and waste. Government has zero business in the healthcare industry. ****I also disagree strongly w/gov't funded abortions, if a woman wants an abortion, that is on her, she can pay for it out of her own pocket.