

Fear words

Once again Mitch McConnell and his cohort have it all wrong. When they use the words “rationed care,” “delayed treatment” and “lack of physician choice” as fear words to describe health care under a single-payer plan, they are describing the current situation, not the future. Make no mistake about it: The insurance companies practice medicine when they delay tests and deny testing that doctors feel their patients need. Any working person who has changed jobs and health care plans knows that the change often results in a change in the list of physicians available to them.

There is no rush of people from Canada into medical facilities along our Northern border. However there is a stream of people going over our Southern border to get treatment and drugs in Mexico. As long as health care insurance is a for-profit business, and as long as CEOs of insurance companies can make multiple millions of dollars, we will have health care problems.

It is time to look at a universal national health care program that puts the health of this nation’s citizens above the profits of insurance executives. I guess we are all naïve to think that our representatives in Congress such as Mitch McConnell or Evan Bayh (whose family has \$1 million of Wellpoint stock) will vote for what is right. They have the best public health care in the world, and their interest is to represent those who support those who contribute generous campaign funds, not their constituents.

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