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Why You Should Care

Private Insurance Does Not Work

With administrative costs ten times higher than Medicare and a policy to deny access to anyone who might get ill, private health insurance companies provide a disservice to public health

Corporations Have Taken Over Our National Health Policy

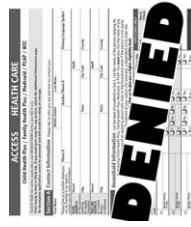
A health-care system that maximizes the public good is imperiled by the medical/industrial complex's overbearing influence in Congress. With the largest corps of lobbyists, and a policy of hiring powerful legislators right out of Congress, drug, insurance and corporate care companies overwhelm the political process. A revolving door in the regulatory agencies ensures that they are "captives of the industry."

We Have Corporate "Sickness Care" Not Health Care

Corporations are imposing a system of "sickness care" rather than health care. They medicalize natural functions from sadness to ageing, drive up expenses with unnecessary procedures, expensive machinery, and additional costs from shareholder profits to exorbitant CEO salary and benefit packages. Finally, our regulatory system allows corporations to poison us and then make money on the cure.

Market Imperatives are Destroying Health Care

"Health care is too precious, intimate and corruptible to entrust to the market." With the value of life unquantifiable, funders separated from patients and medical professionals making the decisions, markets do not work in health care.



What You Can Do

Work to Pass Single-payer Health Care. Join an organization in your state (see pg 2) to create state-based single-payer health care. Make your voice heard during this presidential election year that single payer is the only rational funding system for a true national health-care system. Join the national effort to pass HR 676, which would create Medicare for all.

Become involved in National Health Care Policy. Counter the access of lobbyists by contacting your legislators on vital issues. Hold them accountable for their votes. Form community groups to keep up the pressure on our elected representatives. Advocate the passage of laws that stop former legislators from using their knowledge against the public good and stop the revolving door between industry and regulatory agencies.

Create Community Health Centers that concentrate on the public good rather than corporate profits. Check out www.nachc.com to find out how to start your own community health center. Get involved in the community health center or public hospital in your area. Volunteer as a fund-raiser or run for the board.

Refocus health care toward human needs rather than corporate profits. We need a system that emphasizes healthy people, healthy products and a healthy planet. The panorama of healing has to be available to treat our diverse medical needs. We deserve access to Chinese medicine, allopathic, homeopathic and naturopathic cures, as well as spiritual and traditional healing practices.

Moving from Corporate Extraction to the Grassroots Restoration Economy

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