

THE SINGLE-PAYER TORNADO

Government-run, "single-payer" healthcare would:



Destroy Millions of Jobs

Single-payer systems save money by setting artificially low reimbursement rates for doctors and hospitals – and in many cases, by paying them less than it costs to treat patients. That would drive healthcare providers into bankruptcy and eliminate 11 million U.S. jobs.¹



Ration Prescription Drugs

To control costs, a single-payer system would restrict access to advanced medicines. The United Kingdom's National Health Service doesn't cover specialty immunotherapy drugs.⁴ Japan's government restricts access to specialty cancer drugs.⁵



Hike Taxes

A single-payer system would require a new tax on income, on top of all the taxes Americans already pay.⁷



Force Patients to Wait for Care

Millions of people would languish on wait lists for doctor visits, tests, surgeries, and more. In Canada, the average patient waits more than four months for surgery after receiving a referral from her doctor.² The Red Cross has called wait times in the United Kingdom a "humanitarian crisis."³



Restrict Research and Development

Single-payer's price controls would reduce incentives for scientists and companies to develop new medicines. Price controls implemented by foreign countries¹ single-payer systems prevent the creation of three to four new drugs each year, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.⁶



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