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The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons Thanks Trump Administration for Rejecting Further Government Takeover of Healthcare

This week leaders in the Trump Administration continued efforts to correct the record about the harm “Medicare For All” would cause to American patients.

“With a government takeover, we can see from other countries that we’re going to have long wait times and rationing of health care,” warns Seema Verma, Administrator of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

A disturbing [study](#) examining the recent policies of Britain’s National Institute for Healthcare Excellence supports her point: “Patients in half of the country are being denied cataract removal operations by NHS cost-cutting policies that wrongly suggest the [cataract] surgery does not work and people needing hernia surgery and hip replacements are also routinely refused care by ‘indiscriminate rationing’ policies.”

The Administration is also pointing out that Americans do not want more government control over their care. A recent Kaiser Family Foundation survey finds 70% of Americans oppose so-called ‘Medicare for All’ when told it would lead to delays in their treatments and medical tests, 58% oppose it when told private health insurance would be eliminated, and 60% after learning it would lead to higher taxes.

“What happens when the money runs out? ... The simple answer is to decrease covered services. But by then, the private health insurance industry would be decimated and our options limited,” [explains](#) AAPS President Marilyn Singleton, MD, JD.

AAPS also supports the Trump Administration’s decision to reverse the failures of the “Affordable Care Act.” As Ms. Verma puts it, “Obamacare is not working and I think that’s why we’re hearing calls for Medicare-for-all, because there’s an agreement that Obamacare isn’t working.”

“Americans need more choices, not fewer,” states AAPS Executive Director Jane Orient, MD announcing the release of a [one-page outline of 10 solutions](#) to “increase options, encourage competition, and unwind unsustainable spending in American medicine.”

AAPS thanks the Administration for standing up for the interests of patients and the medical professionals who care for them. AAPS is educating the public about what Medicare for All means for them through nationally distributed op-eds and campaigns like the [Single Payer IQ Test](#). In a recent [White Paper](#), AAPS writes: “American medicine is at a crossroads. It can continue on the path that leads from Medicare to ACA to a fully closed, coercive system, or it can allow freedom-loving Americans to build a private sphere with government confined to its constitutional role.”

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) is a national organization representing thousands of physicians in all specialties. AAPS has defended the practice of ethical, private medicine since 1943.