

For over five years, I have written articles about the problems of senior citizens with the federal Medicare system. Imagine the problems that everyone will face if the federal government takes over the entire health care system in the U.S. Here are just a few of the articles that I have written in the last few years. I thought that this might interest you.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TOO INCOMPETENT TO HANDLE HEALTHCARE

As the senior problem resolution officer at the largest senior citizen oriented insurance agency in the Midwest, I help many senior citizens to resolve Medicare and Veterans Administration medical billing problems.

My opinion is based on over five years of experience as the senior problem resolution officer here. In my opinion, the federal government is too incompetent to take over the nation's healthcare system.

On the day that I am writing this, I have handled three serious problems so far. In one case, Medicare failed to send the essential billing information to the correct insurance company for payment processing. In another case, Medicare sent conflicting reports on medical charges to the doctor's office and to the patient's insurance company. In another case, the Veterans Administration did not send the necessary information to a client's insurance company for payment processing. The VA officials were obstinate about insisting that something that needed to be done had already been done and they were reluctant to cooperate and resend the information.

It took me half the workday to work on these problems for our senior citizen clients because the federal government is so incompetent and inefficient in its present involvement with the nation's healthcare system. I hate to imagine the terrible results if the federal government takes over all healthcare matters.

This is not to suggest that the current system is perfect. Far from it. But, Congress and the President should consult people like me who are where the "rubber meets the road" in the healthcare system before they "push" changes that lobbyists who make big political donations will love and the average citizen will hate.

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