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“The Plot to Take Away Your Medicare, Unveiled!”

KSQD 90.7FM “Be Bold America!” Sunday,

May 22, 2022 at 5:00pm (PDT)

(Action Requested: Flood the White House switchboard to urge President Biden to stop DCE/REACH today! Call 202-456-1111 from 11:00am-3:00pm EST. A script may be found at www.nationalsinglepayer.com and click on the call-in script link.)

When Willie Sutton was asked why he robbed banks, he responded, “because that’s where the money is.”

During the final days of the Trump Administration, officials at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) **launched a dangerous and insidious pilot program** known as **Medicare Direct Contracting**. *(This program was recently rebranded as REACH by the Biden Administration.)*

Left unchecked, Direct Contracting and REACH would allow **profit-hungry middlemen to “manage” the care of up to 30 million traditional Medicare beneficiaries**. These *middlemen*, some of whom have received a huge influx of money from private equity, have every incentive to frustrate patients and **deny medically necessary care!**

“Medicare was designed as a lifeline for America’s seniors and those with disabilities, NOT a playground for Wall Street investors.”

– Dr. Susan Rogers, President, PNHP

Unless we stop REACH, this program could spell **the end of Medicare as a public, nonprofit, social insurance program.**

Direct Contracting Entities are based on a dangerously flawed model. They: 1) Radically transform Medicare, 2) Undermine senior's choices, 3) Incentivizes harmful restrictions on patient care, 4) Incentivizes fraudulent diagnostic coding, 5) Threatens to bankrupt Medicare, 6) Avoids Congress, undermining the democratic process!

Want to know more? Listen to this radio show on May 22 and register for the May 23 PNHP Webinar "*Turning Up the Heat on Direct Contracting and REACH.*"
Visit: protectmedicare.net.

Interview Guest (picture attached): Dr. Ana Malinow spent decades working as a **pediatrician with immigrant, refugee and underserved children** in Ohio, Texas, Pennsylvania and California. She is past president of Physicians for a National Health Program, co-founder of Health Care for All Texas, and lead organizer for the National Single Payer. She has authored opinion pieces on how national single payer will improve patient care and bring us closer to social justice. She has been a speaker on healthcare reform and **featured on national and international television and radio**. She recently retired as Professor of Pediatrics from the University of California in San Francisco.

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