Correspondence

Stopping Tyranny

I hope it will encourage all AAPS physicians to know that your fellow American conservatives are reading your Journal! Dr. Huntoon’s editorial, “Time to Stop Tyranny in Medicine” properly explains the severe problems of the moment we are living in—the finest medical system in the world, which formerly provided the most promise for cures and treatment—is under attack. As a student nurse, a conservative, and a fired-up Tea Party advocate, I see everywhere the concerted destruction by liberals and liberalism of our precious country and the future of American medicine.

I was encouraged last Fall when I found the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons. I felt alone in my outrage and wondered how freedom-minded doctors were copings with the Obama presidency. It is clear that the mainstream media has engaged in a disinformation campaign to discredit physicians and to exalt government “solutions” to healthcare challenges. Few recognize what our healthcare system could be if only it were free to operate according to market forces and Judeo Christian charity. My husband and I are united with the AAPS and the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons. We will be reading your articles and defending your profession.

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HMO “Coverage”

As Frank Lobb points out, “coverage” under managed care is a deceitful misrepresentation, often just a marketing ploy. If the parents follow the example of many others and pay a fair price out of pocket to have their child’s surgery done immediately at our facility by the surgeon they have rightly come to trust and respect, they will wonder why they have “insurance” at all. They will wonder whether some “insurances” are really a “insurance” at all. They will wonder whether some “insurances” are really a mark that actually prevent them from receiving care. Finally and angrily, they may conclude that this whole HMO idea must be good for someone—just not for the patients covered by “the plan.”

Even if the central planners of HMOs or ACOs or government health care boast that the payment rates they have arbitrarily concocted are sound and fair, they will always retain the powerful tool of rationing access by bureaucracy, an incredibly cruel way to balance a budget or book a profit.

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