

How to Solve Unemployment, Health Insurance, and Medical Entitlement Problems with One Program

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As part of the Unemployment Insurance plan, start a medical training program and establish clinics and hospitals run by graduates of this program. Graduates are paid ordinary wages, not the exorbitant earnings that doctors and nurses command today. Since the funds come from the Unemployment Insurance program, very little new funding is needed, and once the program is running with enough graduates, the program will become self-sustaining and may even contribute profits to the Unemployment Insurance program and pay back whatever start-up costs it needed. In fact, the ultimate goal of this program is to make unemployment insurance a self-sustaining program that requires no federal funding.

This will also lower medical costs throughout the US because all doctors and hospitals will have to compete with these new, lower cost, medical facilities, which might be named “Public Medical Facility” (PMFs). The rates these non-profit PMFs charge can be much lower than existing facilities because it has been shown all over the world that medical costs can be much lower than in the US and still provide comparable, if not better, care.

Once these medical facilities are producing profits, they can establish business research/incubator sites where new businesses can be created for future unemployed people. One possibility is health insurance companies. The idea here is that unemployment can be used to not only reduce unemployment, but to lower costs in areas where costs are unjustifiably high, and a few people are siphoning money out of society, making them rich at the expense of unemployed people. Thus PMFs can be used to enhance financial justice using pure capitalism. Another possibility is auto manufacturing. Today, the UAW demands excessive pay by using their monopoly to suck the blood out of the auto industry. Another possibility is Infrastructure Repair/Construction, such as roads and bridges. Since the unemployed come from practically every sector of society, these diverse PMF programs will enable most participants to engage in work for which they already have some expertise.

Because of these benefits to society, PMFs should be given certain advantages, such as no minimum wages, tax advantages, and legal advantages such as limits on law suit awards. In fact, the minimum wage, taxes, and law suits are evils of society that need to be greatly reduced with a net benefit to society. Isn't benefits to society what governments are for?

Will PMFs create more unemployment than it reduces? And there will be unexpected consequences; for example, will all hospitals suddenly become PMFs to avoid taxes? Will the success of PMFs convert our government into something like communism? Thus we must also research the negative consequences of PMFs. Which means that PMFs must have a “constitution” containing such elements as “must benefit society”, “not adversely affect free capitalism”, etc. Properly executed, PMFs may be the only viable way to basically eliminate unemployment, cost nothing, and bring down unjustifiable costs such as healthcare, union gangsterisms, underground gambling, etc.

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