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To the Author of “Harriet and Louise Ride Again!”,

Your opinion of health care reform needs more research before you are critical of government influenced health care. 30 years of managed health care has failed. You mentioned Denis Cortese of the Mayo Clinic convinced himself they lost 834 million with Medicare’s low prices. When you set the prices you can declare any loss you like. There is **no competition** among large clinic groups. I would ask you to call two large clinics in the same town and tell them you are an established patient of theirs and then request the cost of an office call for a simple sore throat. You will find them virtually the same. As the author of research on Mayo’s administration cost I offer you a read at <http://healthsecurityamerica.com/ehsa.pdf>
It is 7 pages beginning on page 73 with the research in the appendix.

Physicians involved with the Mayo Clinic could make more money with Medicare fees alone (these are about 1/2 of what usual and customary fees are in a large clinic) if left unfettered by the absolute ludicrous administration including perverse non-compete employee contracts of Dr. Cortese’s clinic and others like them. Yes, they would have to set up their own office just like the rest of the world. The savings would be enormous. I also urge you to read the changes that need to occur in the health care industry before it can begin to compete with Medicare.

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