Letter to rhe Eugene *Register Guard*
Colorado Care
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The R-G's April 29, 2016 title "Colorado Weighs Replacing Obamacare" is a bit misleading. It will actually replace big health insurance companies with publicly funded, privately delivered, comprehensive health care.

No health insurance company ever cured a disease or treated a patient. They are unnecessary middlemen profiting by standing in the way of you and your doctor and the care you need.
This is not a radical transformation. It is merely a way to publicly finance health care. Many states have recently brought this idea forward in legislation for action or study, such as California, New York, Minnesota; including Oregon (see HB2828).

All of the rest of the industrialized countries in the world have some form of Colorado Care, providing better care, to more people, for less money. Colorado Care estimated costs are not great if you consider total costs paid by Employers, Workers, State and Federal Public Programs. A publicly funded plan like Medicare for All or Colorado Care will save billions of dollars. Remember, only 67 cents of every dollar paid for health care in America gets to a health care service. The rest is soaked up by administrative costs caused by bloated health insurance companies. This and more can be discovered in the documentary FIX IT – Health Care at a Tipping Point which is showing at the Bijou Theater on May 5th at 6:00pm.

The current insurance system is not sustainable. The question is what do we replace it with?