

Single-payer system is the answer

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An Aug. 13 Register-Guard story (“Cost, not choice, top concern with health insurance”) reported that insurance “companies both large and small now plan to raise prices sharply for 2017.”

To add insult to injury, a new list is out of additional drugs that will no longer be covered in 2017. So insane has our insurance-based health care system become that the article even asks a surprising question: “Will the major insurance companies stay in the market?” Apparently the insurance companies are beginning to discover that the present system really doesn’t work, not even for them, let alone for the rest of us.

No wonder Health Care for All Oregon, HCAO.org, is working so hard to institute an equitable, affordable, comprehensive, publicly funded universal health care system, commonly known as single-payer. It has been well documented that such a system is economically sound. It’s also democracy at work, health care of, by and for we the people.

And above all, it is the morally right thing to do: health care that meets the needs of everyone, even the most needy who are so often left behind.