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**TRUMP AND HEALTH CARE:**

Letter to *The Oregonian*  
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While Obamacare is not perfect, it has provided health insurance to 20 million Americans. But how many of them would be able to afford Donald Trump's free-market plan? Tax-deductible health care premiums and health savings accounts would only benefit those able to participate. The Oregon Health Plan is in danger of collapse if the Trump administration turns down the state's request for continued funding, as it is likely to do, since he has proposed a block grant for Medicaid funding. Those of us on Medicare also face a potential crisis, as Trump has proposed turning Medicare into a voucher program: *Here is your voucher for \$1,500. Good luck with your \$15,000 hospital bill.*

There is only one solution: a publicly funded system to cover everyone. In the recent election, voters in Corvallis and Ashland voted overwhelmingly in support of universal health care. Earlier in the fall, the Portland City Council unanimously approved a resolution in support of health care for all. All of these resolutions were initiated by Health Care for All Oregon ([hcao.org](http://hcao.org)). Join us.

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