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Medical care should be a coordinated effort between patients and their physicians. Corporations should not be directing what goes on in the exam room. Benefits to shareholders should not be the goal of the practice of medicine, especially for vulnerable populations. Business executives ARE NOT better trained to make decisions about medical care. Physicians spend years learning and perfecting the information needed to make these decisions. They should not be directed by non-medical employers, who have the goal of maximizing profits. Please ensure that medical care remains independent of corporate management and perhaps corporate goals of benefiting the corporations' executives instead of patients. Tamara Powell MD, owner of an independent physician practice in Grants Pass, Oregon, in rural and underserved Josephine County.