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Medical decisions need to be made between a patient and his/her doctor. Profit making entities should not be allowed to interfere with medical decision making. It's bad enough that insurance companies are so involved in this issue.

I've been a Kaiser Permanente member for over 40 years. Kaiser is a non-profit large insurance and health care corporation. There are guidelines based on statistics, and I sometimes find myself fighting the system because of that. But I have not seen any of my care providers recommend expensive procedures or actions that are not appropriate. Indeed, doctors have given me statistical evidence about choices (say between PT and surgery) and I've been allowed to make my own decision.

A major reason I've never changed from Kaiser is because I believe that profit should not be a part of health care.

I support SB 951 because it offers more people freedom to make their health care decisions based on doctors' input.