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I would support a public option, but not a single payer system as patients will have less choices in their health care treatments and options. Monopolies, whether socialist or not, can lead to medical tyranny as one group in society, however well intentioned, will hold all the decision making power. Patients will be a captive audience to the state run system, and there will be no other options. So if a treatment is denied (and may no longer be available at all), who will the patient argue with, the government? Good luck! Free markets and competition ultimately have brought us excellent and innovative health care that does need to be spread to all citizens, but a single payer system could easily degenerate into mediocrity for all.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to express my views.