

THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN HEALTH CARE: SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-ARIZ.)
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"...Everybody should obviously have access to affordable healthcare in America. But it doesn't mean that it has to be run by the government. It can be run by a private enterprise. It can be run by—in competition, I know of no function of government outside of National Defense that we shouldn't at least give an opportunity for the private sector to be engaged in.

There is no transparency in prices in a government run program. There is too little patient involvement. The reimbursements are driven by public programs especially Medicare and obviously there is not enough incentives for preventive care."