

PREVENTIVE CARE: SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-ARIZ.)

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“There are five major diseases that consume 75 percent of health care costs in America. If someone has diabetes, we should give the health care provider a certain amount of money and say, care for that patient and, if at the end of that period of time, then -- and that patient is well, we'll give you a reward, rather than every test, every procedure, every MRI. And we need walk-in clinics, and we need community health care, and we need incentives for home health care as opposed to long-term care.

In my state of Arizona, we adopted a proposal which incentivizes health care providers to keep people in home health care settings. Dramatically less expensive than long-term care. In Arizona we have one-half the number per capita of people in long-term care facilities as the state of Pennsylvania. Incentives to keep costs down, Charlie. There are no incentives in the system today.”