Other countries tried the public option.

Government Run HealthCare Highlights.

The actress Natasha Richardson died after falling skiing in Canada. It took eight hours to drive her to a hospital. If Canada had our healthcare she might be alive today. In the United States, we have medical evacuation helicopters that would have gotten her to the hospital in 30 minutes.

In England anyone over 59 cannot receive heart repairs or stents or bypass because it is not covered as being too expensive and not needed.

France's national health plan refuses to pay for drugs to treat advanced breast cancer. If a French woman decides to pay for it herself, the government lowers her benefits, refusing to pay for other standard health services.

Pelosi wants a healthcare system just like that of Canada, England and France.

If government plans in other areas don't scare you, this should.

Most of you know by now that the Senate version (at least) of the "stimulus" Bill includes provisions for extensive rationing of health care for senior citizens. The author of this part of the bill, former senator and tax evader, Tom Daschle was credited today by Bloomberg with the following statement:

Bloomberg: Daschle says "health-care reform will not be pain free. Seniors should be more accepting of the conditions that come with age instead of treating them."

If this does not sufficiently raise your ire, just remember that our esteemed Senators and Congressmen have their own healthcare plan that is first dollar or very low co-pay which they are guaranteed the remainder of their lives and are not subject to this new law if it passes.

Please tell me your thoughts. Email me or call my office with comments or suggestions. *Robert C. Villare, M.D. Assembly Candidate, 3rd Legislative District*

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