

The story of this transformation from small to enormous is nonetheless fascinating, particularly because, at each stage, the potential to move further away from medicine's ethical roots undoubtedly intensifies. The transformation, and its aftermath, provide an opportunity to reflect on what has been gained by the shift.

The Privatization of Health Care Reform offers important insights into the importance of this transformation. Professor Bloche, whose work has been widely recognized, has assembled important analyses that will be useful to both students and teachers of health care policy (the book is definitely not for beginners). This book covers many matters, from the laws that enabled the sea change to occur to the way in which the new system has been able to avoid regulation as successfully as its predecessor did. Chapters are devoted to the use of explicit financial incentives to shape health care practice; the role of not-for-profit institutions in the new world of managed care; the future of public, hospital-based teaching programs; and the role of antitrust principles in fostering transparency and competition in health care.

One wishes that Professor Bloche had included a chapter on the deeper meaning of these changes for persons without health insurance and for patients whose health needs exceed the coverage norms available through health insurance plans. For example, the chapter on antitrust principles considers "any willing provider" laws (which require managed-care organizations to admit onto their panels any provider willing to accept their terms and conditions) to be anticompetitive interference that threatens the ability of the managed-care organizations to manage costs. In the eyes of policymakers concerned with the access to health care of very sick patients, an "any willing provider" statute could mean the difference between being insured and being uninsured for certain forms of specialty care that might otherwise be excluded from an insurer's network.

The book also does not ponder whether, in the long run, the market frenzy that characterized the American health care system in the 1990s ultimately contributed to the system's eventual crash and, with that crash, a return to double-digit inflation, the invention of new insurance "products" that merely erode coverage further, and another sizable upturn in the number of persons who are not in-

sured. One hopes that Professor Bloche will explore these issues in a future effort.

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CORRECTION

A Randomized Trial of Aspirin to Prevent Colorectal Adenomas in Patients with Previous Colorectal Cancer (March 6, 2003;348:883-90). As a participating institution, the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, should have been included in the Appendix on page 888.

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