

Death panels, maybe. Rationing, probably

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Quote

“the new provision could contribute over time to the kind of bureaucratic rationing of health care many Americans fear. It creates a new Medicare entitlement without paying for it. As such entitlements proliferate to the point that outlays exceed inputs in a system already approaching a fiscal tipping point, the temptation to ration care to keep costs down is likely to become irresistible. Whether those who administer such rationing are called "death panels" or something else could well be academic.”

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