

REGARDING HEALTHCARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE U.S.A.

QUESTION TO YOU ELECTED LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS:

WHAT ARE WE TO DO IF WE NEED A DOCTOR'S CARE---OR, GOD FORBIDE---HOSPITALIZATION BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS ABOUT HEALTHCARE IN WASHINGTON???

WHEN MY COUNTRY WAS AT WAR---IT WAS NEVER CALLED A WAR IN KOREA, BUT INSTEAD WAS CALLED A POLICE ACTION!----I ENLISTED TO SERVE IT.

RECENTLY I WENT TO THE VA HOSPITAL IN LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA. I DID SO BECAUSE I'M CAUGHT BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD SPOT. I'M 64 AND HAVE NO HEALTHCARE OF ANY KIND, BUT I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH FOR MEDICARE.

I WAS GIVEN SEVERAL FORMS TO FILL OUT---ONE OF WHICH WAS A FINANCIAL STATEMENT! ON THIS FORM PROVIDED BY THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION, IT STATED 20 MINUTES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FILL IT OUT. NOW---IF ANYONE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MY FINANCIAL STATUS WAS, OR THE INCOME I MADE LAST YEAR----LESS THAN \$9,000.00, A REMARKABLE SUM-----ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS PUNCH MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER INTO THEIR COMPUTERS AND HAVE THE ANSWER VERY QUICKLY.

BUT NO, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO EASY AND THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ME FEEL INDIGNANT AND ANGRY AND LIKE A CRIMINAL BECAUSE I HAD THE BAD MANNERS TO ASK TO SEE A DOCTOR.

NO! THEY WANTED TO KNOW IF I OWNED PROPERTY, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY I HAD IN BANK ACCOUNTS AND IF I HAD ANY IRA'S, BECAUSE IF I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE THESE THINGS, I MUST SPEND MY SAVINGS BEFORE DARING TO IMPOSE ON THE VETERAN'S HOSPITAL. WHY MUST THERE ALWAYS BE MOUNTAINS OF STUPID, UNNEEDED PAPERWORK. BECAUSE THE MILITARY AND THE POLITICIANS THRIVE ON IT!!!

QUESTION : WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD VISIT A VETERAN'S HOSPITAL IF THEY COULD DO BETTER??? (I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SWANKY ONES FOR THE BIG SHOTS.)

YOU FINE GENTLEMEN IN WASHINGTON, OF COURSE, HAVE ALL THE HEALTHCARE KNOWN TO THE WORLD. THE TAXPAYERS PAY FOR IT THEIR ENTIRE LIFE TIMES. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY. THE TAXPAYERS PAY FOR YOUR CARE FROM YOUR OFFICE TO YOUR GRAVE. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BRILLIANT FINANCIAL WORKSHEET AT THE VA HOSPITALS. HOW I WISH IT WAS ELECTION TIME. I WILL EXPRESS MYSELF THEN AND MORE ADEQUATELY.



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