



STATE MOVING AWAY FROM GOVERNMENT-RUN HEALTH CARE

HOW MAINE, FLORIDA AND OTHERS ARE
EMBRACING MARKET-BASED HEALTH CARE
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Featuring an Address by

The Honorable Paul LePage (R-ME)

Governor, The State of Maine

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And Introduced by

Edwin Feulner, Ph.D.

President, The Heritage Foundation

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Followed by an Expert Panel with

The Honorable Joe Negron (R-FL)

Florida State Senator

Tarren Bragdon

*President and CEO, Foundation for Government Accountability and
Former CEO, The Maine Heritage Policy Center*

Christie Herrera

*Director of the Health and Human Services Task Force, American
Legislative Exchange Council*

Hosted by

Nina Owcharenko

Director, Center for Health Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

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Dear Friends,

I recently was invited to appear on a panel at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. to talk about the groundbreaking Medicaid reform proposal we passed this year in the Florida Legislature.

Florida will now be a national model in creating a Medicaid program that is patient-centered, with a budget that is reasonable and predictable. For several decades, the Medicaid portion of our State budget has grown nearly twice as fast as everything else, crowding out funding for our schools, public safety, transportation, economic development and other important priorities. That is about to change as we transform this \$22 billion per year program into one we can all be proud of.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent this community in the Florida Senate. Please feel free to contact my legislative office at (772) 219-1665 if we can help in any way.

-Joe Negron

