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I have had a lot of friends ask, "What the heck are they talking about?"

Health care, even for physicians like myself, is a very complicated issue. There are so many intricacies involve, many that our political leaders don't comprehend at all.

1. Universal coverage.

This is a moral issue for many, including myself. I don't think health care is a right, but many do. Fine. In the end, most of us want everyone to be able to afford health care insurance if they want it.

Obama and the Democrats would like you to believe this is the hard part. They are wrong. Anyone can solve this part of the equation. Write a check, and it is done. It is extremely easy to cover everyone; either you provide a socialized care system, or refundable tax credits with a mandate to force people to buy insurance. The problem is solved.

Of course, there is the question of cost (anywhere from \$1.2 Trillion -\$2 Trillion, depending on whom you listen to). But cost has never been an issue for this Democratic President, has it?

2. Cost control

This is the the **really, really hard part.**

This is a multifaceted problem. Insurers have not been able to responsibly keep cost increases down. Physicians order too many tests. There is too much litigation. And patients demand

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