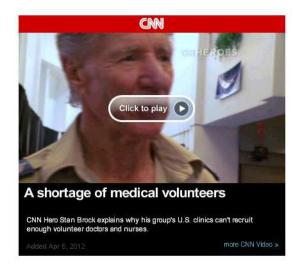
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How Government Blocks Health Care Access for the Poor

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<u>Remote Area Medical</u>'s Stan Brock, who spoke at the <u>Cato Institute</u>'s 2012 State Health Policy Summit, <u>explains</u>:



Cannon continues:

The culprit is state medical licensing laws. For more, read Cato adjunct scholar <u>Shirley Svorny</u>.

My understanding is that state-level medical licensing laws prohibit doctors from providing charity care outside the state where they are licensed. If so, the Colorado legislature should look into allowing out-of-state physicians, dentists, optometrists, etc., to practice charity care in Colorado. Of course, this is probably more of a problem in geographically smaller states with high population densities near their borders.