



House Panel approves Ryan 2012 budget blueprint on party-line vote

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A leading conservative critic of the Democrats' health reform law says seniors would ration their own care under Rep. Paul Ryan's Medicare proposal — and that's a good thing. The Cato Institute's Michael Tanner says rationing is inevitable with Medicare because of financial limitations. "The question's going to be, is that decision going to be made by government and imposed top down under the current system? Ryan wants to shift that responsibility to individuals and from the bottom up," Tanner said. "Ryan believes that you ultimately reduce costs by putting more skin in the game among seniors" (Feder, 4/7).