



## Healthcare decisions - you or the gov't?

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The Cato Institute has rolled out an ad campaign tackling healthcare reform. The campaign was designed to get beyond the so-called rhetoric surrounding healthcare reform and ask the simple question: who should decide when it comes to

healthcare choice?

"Who should make decisions about your healthcare? Some reform plans would give government bureaucrats the power to decide which treatments or drugs are best for you," the radio ad states. "They'd force you to buy insurance chosen by politicians and lobbyists, even if you're happy with your current plan."

Michael Tanner is a senior fellow with the [Cato Institute](#) in Washington, DC.



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"We believe that under the Obama plan, the government essentially will be making some of the most important personal and private decisions in your lives," Tanner adds. "It will be, in effect, a government takeover of the healthcare system. We think there are alternatives out there that can reform healthcare in a way that gives consumers more choice and creates more competition."

He says that one of the purposes of the ad campaign is to draw people to the Cato Institute's website, where they are able to discuss in greater depth the free-market alternatives to healthcare reform.

The campaign also features full-page print ads along with the radio spots.



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