



# Broker Bulletin

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## What Role Should Government Play in Health Care Reform

A great article in this morning's Burlington Free-Press looks at the role of government in the health reform debate - specifically, to what extent should they be allowed to control our individual health care choices. The article references downfalls of two other government-run programs - Medicare and Medicaid - which have become unaffordable and unsustainable in their current form.



In addition, why Vermont? Vermont currently has one of the lowest uninsured percentages in the country and a Forbes ranking among the highest "access to health care, prevention and treatment, potentially avoidable hospital use and costs."

Click [here](#) to read the complete article.

### Administrative Costs vs. Utilization

The single payer bill promises substantial savings due to reduced administrative costs. A related article suggests that this is setting unrealistic expectations. Reducing the utilization of services has a far-greater potential for significant savings than the reduction of administrative cost. > [READ MORE](#)

## Senate Finance Committee Agenda

The single payer bill, H202, currently lives with the Senate Finance Committee for final review by the committee. The bill could reach the Senate floor as early as next week.

To review the agenda, click [here](#).