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Pennsylvania businessman proposes a fix for our costly healthcare system

Presidential politics has once again brought the topic of health care back into the news. Amidst all of the politicians, physicians and economists who are arguing the need for reforms, there is an unlikely single-payer proponent.

Richard Master is the owner and CEO of MCS Industries Inc., the nation's leading supplier of wall and poster frames — a \$200 million a year company based in Easton, Pennsylvania. "My company now pays \$1.5 million a year to provide access to healthcare for our workers and their dependents," Master said. "When I investigated where all the money goes, I was shocked."

What he found was that fully 33 cents of every health care premium dollar "has nothing to do with the delivery of healthcare." Thirty-three percent of the healthcare budget was being spent on administrative costs.

Master decided to tackle the problem by doing an in-depth analysis and then determining the fix. He then produced a documentary called Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point.

The film will be premiered in Maine on Sunday, February 28th at 2:00 PM at the Curtis Memorial Library. Small businessman Les Fossel of Alna and Dr. William Clark of Woolwich will lead the post-film discussion.

“Among the 50 states, Maine ranks in the top 10 in healthcare costs, but in the bottom 10 in wage income. We are the outlier,” says Fossel. “Every other part of our society has been starved by the ever-increasing financial demands of healthcare in Maine: wages, infrastructure, education, the environment, and business.”

Dr. Clark’s experiences as a physician, father, and long-time resident of midcoast Maine has convinced him of the need for a universal health care system, also known as ‘Improved Medicare for All’: “Research shows that 'Medicare for All' would improve Americans’ health and prolong our lives. It would cost less than we now spend, and the savings could improve schools, roads and more. Every other developed country benefits from systems like Medicare for All. We could create a uniquely American version.”

The film and discussion is sponsored by Maine AllCare, a nonpartisan, nonprofit group committed to making health care in Maine universal, accessible and affordable for all.

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