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On May 10th, at 6pm **Maine AllCare** will present a special, free, public event at the Rines Auditorium in Portland, Maine. “**Universal Health Care, Now More than Ever**” will be the theme of a **dual presentation by Dr. Margaret Flowers and Rob Shetterly**. It will be a timely and important conversation in light of the anticipated Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, one that will have direct impact on the lives and well being of millions of Americans.

Margaret Flowers, M.D.



Dr. Flowers was director of the pediatric hospitalist program and chief of pediatrics at Carroll County General Hospital, a rural hospital in Maryland. Dr. Flowers left practice in May 2007 to work on health care reform full-time. In November 2008 she joined the steering committee of the Leadership Conference for Guaranteed Health Care. Dr. Flowers is a national board member of Healthcare NOW, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to popularizing the single-payer perspective. She is a former Congressional Fellow at the Physicians for a National Health Program, PNHP.



Rob Shetterly

Mr. Shetterly is a well known Maine artist and activist. He will unveil two of his portraits – part of his extensive series, *Americans Who Tell the Truth*. The first portrait is of Dr. Quentin Young, a leader in public health policy, one of the founders and past president of PNHP. The second portrait honors Dr. Flowers for her years of work in health care reform.

Honorable **Michael Brennan**, Mayor of Portland. **Dr. Julie Pease**, President of Maine AllCare, will act as host and will coordinate the Q&A session following the presentations. Both featured speakers will be available to the media at 5pm in the library, before the event, or by pre-arrangement with Maine AllCare.

At this writing we have 20 organizations who volunteered to co-sponsor the event.

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