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Stop Corporate takeover of Healthcare.

As a retired RN Executive who worked for 45 years in acute hospitals, I believe that we must stop corporate take over of our health care systems. Currently, the economic incentives for delivery of care is perverse. Profits over people is not just a slogan, it's a reality. Hospitals make more money by doing \*more.procedures\*. Nursing care is a 'cost' and consistently a target for \*budget discussions\*. Keeping decisions in the hands of the providers of care benefits the person receiving care and the community. Removing decision making power removes accountability from the community. This results in frustration, greater cost in terms of time, and often the closure of smaller hospitals that are too \*expensive\*. This leaves the community with less access to care requiring more cost and travel. Ethical patient centered decision-making in the delivery of care requires a team approach NOT more corporate cost targets created behind closed doors.

Community and individual health is the goal. We need to create a more resilient system. It won't happen until we realign incentives and intentionally engage in early health interventions. Healthier moms and babies. Focus on better nutrition. More connections in the community.

I fully support 4130.