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Direct Primary Care: The gift that continues to inspire and energize medical students and doctors across America.

Greetings!

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More than a month after the Direct Primary Care conference in Dallas this past October, BRI students who attended on scholarship continue to report the hope, energy, and excitement they got from being there.

"Not only did the conference contrast the struggles of an insurance-based practice with the delights of a direct primary care practice, but it also completely changed my outlook about my future as a physician. My discouragement was replaced with an assurance that I will one day be able to provide great care for my future patients at an affordable price." ~Autumn Haynes, MS OUHCOM

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BRI also sent students to the American Academy of Private Physicians conference in San Francisco in September. DPC was a major theme there, stressing access to healthcare, not merely healthcare coverage.

"It is necessary to be an advocate how patient care is delivered. As you would insist on using the most effective new drug or medical device, we should insist on having the most effective medical care delivery model that allows patients and physicians to interact according to a patient's health needs, rather than (third party) reimbursement models or regulations." ~Alex Wisbeck, BRI-Saint Louis president

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We thank the Docs 4 Patient Care Foundation for including ten BRI students on scholarship to the DPC conference. We highly recommend the 10/20/16 Doctor's Lounge radio podcast with Dr. Hal Scherz on this conference, training and mentoring doctors in resurrecting the sanctity of the Patient-Doctor relationship in their practices.

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MEET THE "GODFATHER" OF FREE
MARKET MEDICINE

Dr. Hal Scherz of the [Docs 4 Patient Care Foundation](#)



recently interviewed Dr. Keith Smith on the Doctor's Lounge radio podcast where he declared Dr. Smith "Godfather of free market medicine." Dr. Smith is co-founder of the Surgery Center of Oklahoma, a cash-based practice. He has not only been a long-time friend to BRI-taking students on Surgery Center tours, speaking at BRI events, and donating generously--he has also represented free market healthcare solutions in

Congress, co-founded the Free Market Medical Association (FMMA), and much more.

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Thank you for the work and energy *you* bring to the healthcare conversation.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Haynes".

Beth Haynes, MD
Executive Director
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How open is *your* state to healthcare delivery innovations? This interactive map may surprise you.



Jared Rhoads, past president and founder of the BRI-Dartmouth chapter, now Research Project Manager at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy, completed a project in conjunction with The Mercatus Center.

"Perceptions about states do not always accord with reality. A leftward tilt in the ACA debate does not necessarily correlate with tight centralized control of healthcare at the state level. Nor does a rightward tilt in the debate always comport with broad patient/provider discretion.

For example, the HOAP suggests that Oregon, a reliably blue state, offers broad leeway to patients and providers while Georgia, a very red state, has some of the most restrictive healthcare laws and regulations in the nation." ~ HOAP website

Called "The Healthcare Openness and Access Project" (HOAP), it shows an interactive US map, with each state ranked in terms of "flexibility and discretion that patients and providers have in managing health and healthcare." This includes how open a state's laws and regulations are to institutional variation in medical care delivery, and how much access to varying modes of care states' patients and healthcare professionals have.

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