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Virtual Forum on Proposed 67-Bed Hospital in Asheville, NC

With Panel of National Experts

Asheville, NC

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Hospital competition is sorely needed in Western North Carolina for improved quality of care and lower costs for Asheville and surrounding communities, and to improve working conditions for healthcare workers. Take Medicine Back (TMB) and Mountain Maladies (MM) are co-hosting a virtual forum to discuss Certificate of Need applications for a new 67-bed hospital in Asheville, NC, open to members of the public and the press, and public officials.

While TMB and MM oppose the HCA application to expand their current hospital, we do not currently have a formal position regarding the other two applicants Novant or Advent except that either system would introduce competition, which is healthy. We do believe the systems and their application deserve thorough vetting to inform public support. The confirmed expert panel includes David Feinwachs M.H.A., M.A., J.D. P.H.D., past general counsel for the MN Hospital Association, Rosemary Batt, the Alice Cook Professor of Women and Work at Cornell University and co-author of "Private Equity At Work: When Wall Street Manages Main Street", Robert McNamara M.D. Chief Medical Officer of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine - Physician Group and Chair of Temple University Emergency Medicine, and John Hughes and Oliva Smith, Attorneys at Wallace and Graham in North Carolina, and Maureen Tkacik, journalist and senior economic fellow at the American Economic Liberties Project.

Officials from each hospital system have been invited to participate and offered uninterrupted time to present their case as well as to answer questions. An introduction regarding the history and original purpose of "certificates of need" will be provided by expert panelist David Feinwachs to frame the remainder of the discussion. Press and community members are encouraged to submit questions to info@takemedicineback.org. Community members will be invited with protected time to ask questions, followed by public and press questions as time allows.

Location: Zoom (RSVP on Eventbrite or Facebook) Search: "Virtual Forum: Certificate of Need for New Hospital in Asheville, NC" on Eventbrite.

Time: July 14th, 6pm-8pm EST

Cost: Free

Take Medicine Back is a Public Benefit Company founded in June of 2021 by a practicing emergency physician, charged with "producing a public benefit by operating in a responsible and ethical manner by imparting education and advocacy to the public regarding the corporate takeover of modern medicine..." We believe that this has resulted in the financial exploitation of patients, an ongoing loss of the profession of medicine, and the erosion of trust and a therapeutic relationship between patients and physicians. Mountain Maladies is a Facebook Community founded by Will Overfelt, a behavioral analyst and long-time Asheville, NC resident.

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