

Dispatch: An American [Health] Invasion?

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In contrast to the recent U.S. trend towards more centralized healthcare, England's National Health Service (NHS) is about to undergo a revolutionary change in funding that will remove many layers of bureaucracy — and inevitably many jobs, as well — to promote efficiency and more patient-centered care. But one group won't have to worry about where their next pound is coming from, despite these impending health care cuts: the [homeopaths](#) [1].

Health Secretary Andrew Lansley says homeopathic products will still be covered by Britain's National Health Service to preserve patient choice — even though the British Medical Association has called homeopathy "witchcraft."

"This is not unlike the direction the U.S. has taken for our Veteran's Affairs (VA) Health Department," [posits ACSH's Jeff Stier](#) [2], who reminds us that "while Congress rejected mandated homeopathy coverage in the new health care reform bill, they did pass a provision requiring the VA Health Department to cover [chiropractor visits](#) [3]."

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