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In this week's SchwimmerScript, published as a guest Op-Ed on NJ.com, Linda Schwimmer explores the issues surrounding proposals for Medicare for All. Should we replace our current health care system with a single government-run program?

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## JOSHUA ROTHENBERG

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER,  
DIALYZE DIRECT



### TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Joshua Rothenberg is the Chief Operating Officer for [Dialyze Direct](#), a Leadership Member of the Quality Institute, which is based in Neptune, New Jersey, and provides hemodialysis to people in nursing homes, with plans to expand to residential homes.

**Interview Sneak Peak:** *Why is dialysis such an important issue for the nation?*

The entire U.S. education system takes up 2.6% of the federal budget. Kidney disease alone takes up 1% of the federal budget — mostly patients over the age of 65. The current system is taxing on our health care system and does not necessarily lead to quality care and outcomes. Home dialysis is dramatically less costly in overall costs because there's no transportation, fewer hospitalizations, and fewer costs for co-morbidities. A recent study found dialysis patients...

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