

CVS Health Shareholder Meeting Question
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I'm Scott Shepard of the National Center for Public Policy Research.

At last year's shareholder meeting, we asked you about your partnership with the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), a nonprofit group that is working to establish "cost-effectiveness formulas" that would ration care by cutting it off from the most vulnerable.¹ In recent weeks, when the COVID-19 scare was at its height, public officials gave instructions and made plans for exactly such triage at the expense of those communities.² Will you announce to shareholders and to the public today that you do not support making such "cost-effectiveness formulas" a regular facet of American health care, and commit to ending funding for any organizations or programs that embrace such an approach?

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¹ <https://nationalcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CVS-2019-Shareholder-Meeting-Question.pdf>

² <https://theconversation.com/doctors-facing-grim-choice-over-ventilators-told-to-put-patients-with-disabilities-at-the-back-of-the-line-134884>