Reform Efforts Continue: The Author Replies
Philip Pollner and Nancy Wooten make good points that reinforce my central message (Jul 2010): The struggles over health reform are ongoing and will not be resolved one way or another for years. It was the same story with earlier U.S. social policy milestones, from Social Security to civil rights.

A comprehensive federal law opens new directions for struggle, but it does not decide the outcomes. Interest groups, elections, social movements, and public understandings—or misunderstandings—all play a role.

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