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Politico today discusses the efforts of HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to reach out to governors, many of them Republicans, regarding the implementation of the health care reform law.

It is a measure of how bad Democrats are at messaging that the bill is filled with provisions of a "federalist" nature, that require the states to implement the policies, that leave some measure of discretion to local elected officials.

What was portrayed by Republicans as a "federal government takeover" of health care, with "Uncle Sam himself in the examining room" was actually a bill that actually implemented the kind of federalism Republicans are usually calling for.

But, of course, Democrats forgot to mention it.

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