



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## It's Not Working!

For 20 years, Medicare has experimented with two initiatives to limit spending. One is called disease management for those with chronic diseases. The other is called Value-based purchasing. It gives providers bonuses based on government-defined efficiency and quality.

The Congressional Budget Office looked at 10 programs within the two initiatives and found most had no impact on spending. A few programs *increased* spending. And none of the disease management programs reduced spending by the 13 percent needed to cover the cost of the fees to the companies doing disease management for Medicare.

It's time to put the dollars back into the hands of patients. That will cut spending.

Source: "[Lessons from Medicare's Demonstration Projects on Disease Management, Care Coordination, and Value-Based Payment.](#)" Congressional Budget Office, January 2012.

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