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CMS Quietly Drops Hospital Surveyor Mandate

Here's a story you are not going to hear elsewhere. On January 13, the federal government won in the Supreme Court on their health care worker vaccine mandate.

Less than two weeks later, the federal government also required vaccination for individuals coming into the hospital to check compliance with Medicare requirements--but it prohibited hospitals from asking these surveyors about their vaccination status.

But on June 16, the federal government quietly dropped the mandate that surveyors be vaccinated. This allows them to enter hospitals unvaxxed. But the health care worker mandate continues. Health care workers should now begin to complain about this discriminatory requirement.

Meanwhile, Missouri has petitioned the Supreme Court to rule the vaccine mandate as a violation of states' rights and more.

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