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Are Physicians and Non-Physicians Interchangeable?

A recent Executive Order says non-physicians, who have no medical training, can practice independently, diagnosing and treating patients with no physician supervision.

The federal government wants to treat doctors, nurse practitioners and physician assistants interchangeably, paying them the same for procedures, even if the non-physician may not know how to handle an emergency.

Put another way, would you let a paralegal argue your case before a court of law?

Physicians get 12,000 to 16,000 hours of clinical training during residency. Nurse practitioners receive 500 - 1,000 hours of clinical training after college. If they are paid the same, despite such differences in training, who will spend 11 to 15 years of their lives to become a doctor? And what's that mean for you?

“Executive Order 13890 on Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation’s Seniors” (Section 5), President Donald Trump, October 3, 2019:
<https://bit.ly/2SwC1Kd>

“Letter to Seema Verma, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services,” American Academy of Family Physicians, January 14, 2020:
<https://bit.ly/37iZ7cu>

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