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The “Good” Medicare Cuts

The New York Times editorial board chastised Democrats who attacked President Trump’s proposed cuts to Medicare. Usually the *Times* is not a fan of President Trump. One cut proposed by Trump would be to pay hospital-based doctor’s offices and independent clinics the very same price for the same procedure.

Medicare has long paid hospitals more, but as hospitals bought private practices, they used these doctor’s offices to charge Medicare the hospital-based rate. Kudos to the *Times* for recognizing this important non-partisan fiscal issue. As a bonus, equalizing payments may cause hospitals to sell clinics back to doctors since they could no longer use them to over-price services.

“Opinion: Not All Medicare Cuts Are Bad,” The Editorial Board, The New York Times, March 25, 2019: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/25/opinion/trump-medicare-cuts.html>

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