



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

Health Freedom Minute

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Fake Cancer Diagnosis to Escape Costs?

A patient was discharged from the hospital with bladder cancer. The doctor hired to evaluate her for hospice found nothing wrong, except a report of “abnormal cells” in her urine.

Unable to confirm a “terminal diagnosis,” the doctor refused to admit her to hospice. When she went back to the HMO for a full workup, no cancer was found. Her daughter said the HMO hospital group had been anxious to get her out of the hospital.

I think she was probably a Medicare Advantage HMO patient. The HMO didn't want to pay for her care anymore so they gave her a fake diagnosis and referred her to hospice because only Original Medicare pays for hospice, not Medicare HMOs.

“Doctor’s Diary February 12, 2019: Hospice Care? Really?” Physician Report, Gene Uzawa Dorio, M.D.:

<http://scvphysicianreport.com/2019/02/12/doctors-diary-february-12-2019-hospice-care-really/>

“Once you start getting hospice care, Original Medicare will cover everything you need related to your terminal illness, even if you choose to remain in a Medicare Advantage Plan or other Medicare health plan.” - Medicare Hospice Benefits, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, n.d.:

<https://www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02154-medicare-hospice-benefits.pdf>

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