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Will Congress Impose Price Controls on Doctors?

Have you experienced a surprise medical bill? If so, blame your health plan, not the doctor. Patients get surprise bills for necessary care because the health plan networks are too narrow. There are not enough doctors for the number of patients. Many doctors refuse to join the health plan's network because the plans pay poorly and exert unwanted control over patient care.

So health plans want Congress to ban surprise billing by imposing price controls. They want Congress to limit what doctors outside the networks can charge. This price-fixing scheme would socialize doctors and eliminate their freedom to run their own practice. This won't protect patients. It will drive doctors out of medicine, leaving patients in the lurch.

“‘Surprise Billing’ Ban Protects Insurers, Not Patients, States Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS),” press release, May 13, 2019:

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