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“Value-Based Care” Sophistry

Health plans and government only want to pay for value-based care. The Affordable Care Act and Medicare are pushing value-based payments. They don’t want to pay for anything but value-based care. But no one agrees on the definition of “value-based care.” Nearly 10 years after the Affordable Care Act mandates it, 18 experts came together to build a consensus on the definition—and failed.

But, the hunt for this unicorn is hurting patients. To prove their value, in hopes of being paid, doctors and nurses are more focused on computers and data entry than patients. Clearly, there’s no such thing as value-based care, but this government mandate has real consequences for you and your doctors.

“Humana Asked Experts to Define ‘Value-Based Care. They Couldn’t Do It,” Paige Minemyer, FierceHealthCare, June 14, 2019: https://bit.ly/2WN6xzi