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**Capitation Payments Hurt Patients**

Let me explain ‘capitation” so you understand the pressure your doctors face to not treat you if they accept capitated payments. Under capitation, the payer, which could be the government, a health plan or an employer, pays the doctor a monthly flat fee for every covered person. If the doctor can care for patients for less than the monthly payments, the doctor makes a profit.

This works with healthy patients but not with chronically ill patients, who quickly become financial burdens to the practice, which may then try to refer them to another clinic as soon as possible. Medicare is offering doctors a new flat-fee capitated payment option. Tell your doctors to refuse capitation and only accept payment for services provided.


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