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**Capitation Payments Mean Less Care for Patients**

The Medicare Administration wants doctors to accept monthly payments for each Medicare patient rather than payments for actual services provided. These are called capitation payments and they’ll encouraging rationing of care.

Doctors will be financially rewarded for not ordering tests and not doing procedures. President Obama once said the 100-year old woman whose cardiologist said she was too old for a pacemaker might be better off with a painkiller than surgery. Thankfully another cardiologist gave her a pacemaker and she did well. Lump-sum monthly payments will lead doctors to limit care for those deemed too young, too old, or too disabled. This is one more reason to find a direct-pay doctor who works only for you. Go to JointheWedge.com.

“**Capitation: What Was Old Is New Again,**” Lawrence R. Huntoon, MD, PhD, Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, Summer 2019:

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