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Should Doctors and Nurses Be Paid the Same?

Trump’s Medicare Executive Order has a troubling provision. Section 5 says federal officials must issue a regulation that equalizes the payment of physicians and non-physicians. It must “ensure that items and services provided by clinicians, including physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners” are paid according to the work they perform rather than the clinician’s occupation.

Thus, Medicare may soon pay doctors with 11-17 years of medical training the same as they pay physician assistants with two years of physician assistant training. This is like paying lawyers the same as paralegals. How long will it take for doctors to disappear?


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