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Patients No Longer Most Important Person

For many doctors, the patient is no longer the most important person in the exam room. That's because payers pay the bills, not patients. Many doctors are now corporate doctors, treating patients according to the directives of others. Thus the warm-hearted mission of medicine is becoming the cold calculating business of health care.

For example, Medicare and health plans say doctors should not be paid for services provided. They plan to pay doctors for "value." This will encourage fewer services and fewer choices. Power lies in payment. If you give someone else your dollars and let them pay your bills, they decide whether the care you need has "value."

"Medicare Aims to Reward Results," Louise Radnofsky and Melinda Beck, The Wall Street Journal, January 27, 2015.

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