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**Anthem Won't Pay for Cataract Surgery Anesthesia**

Anthem, one of the nation’s largest health plans has new clinical guidelines that do not require an anesthesiologist to monitor anesthesia during cataract surgery. The guidelines only provide general anesthesia for children and certain difficult patients or situations. For everyone else, the surgery will be done with the patient sedated but not asleep. For patients who want anesthesia they’ll have to pay for it themselves.

Health plans are the corporate version of socialized medicine. Obamacare empowered them and eliminated their competitors, the real insurance companies. Ask Congress and state legislators to restore real insurance, which doesn’t interfere with treatment decisions and doesn’t keep you awake for surgery.
