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Let’s Stop the Unelected Bureaucrats

Thousands of thousands of Medicare rules must be obeyed by doctors and hospitals to avoid penalties and jail time. Medicare recently issued a nearly 2000-page proposed payment rule. Who can read these rules or follow them?

James Madison, one of our nation’s Founding Fathers said, “It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read or so incoherent that they cannot be understood.” This Medicare rule is voluminous, complex and written not by men of our own choosing but by unelected bureaucrats. Let’s put an end to regulatory rulemaking.

“James Madison Quotes”: https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/james_madison_164127

“Medicare Program; Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems for Acute Care Hospitals and the Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System and Proposed Policy Changes and Fiscal Year 2019 Rates; Proposed Quality Reporting Requirements for Specific Providers; Proposed Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs (Promoting Interoperability Programs) Requirements for Eligible Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Eligible Professionals; Medicare Cost Reporting Requirements; and Physician Certification and Recertification of Claims”: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4446261/2019-Medicare-IPPS-Proposed-Rule.pdf (to be published in Federal Register on May 7, 2018)

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