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Some Doctors Want to Become HMOs

Who should your doctor work for? The Trump Administration proposes to bring independent doctors into a capitated payment relationship with the Federal Government.

Our organization wrote comments opposing the idea. Capitated payment means the physician would receive a federal payment per month, per patient, regardless of how much time, effort, or services are needed. That’s how the Federal Government pays Medicare Advantage Health Plans.

In short, doctors would become insurers. The financial risk of the patient’s care would be transferred from the government to the doctors. One organization of doctors loves the idea, but it’s just another way to socialize American medicine. Doctors should join The Wedge instead. JOINTHEWEDGE.COM.

Letter to Adam Boehler, Director of CMS Innovation Center (Response to Direct Provider Contracting RFI from America’s Physician Groups), May 24, 2018: http://capg.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=4478


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