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**Using Your Data to Limit Your Drugs**

Your medical records may soon be the reason why a prescription that you need is no longer available.

The insurer UnitedHealth Group and the drug company Merck, will create a reimbursement model to align payment for prescriptions with patient health outcomes. This is called pay-for-performance, even if your outcome may or may not have anything to do with the performance of the medication.

Insurers only want to pay drug companies for outcomes, not for the medication itself. The company defines “outcomes” not you or your doctor. This is called value-based purchasing. Can you see how this might mean that insurers decide what drug are even developed? That which is not paid for eventually is not produced.

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