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The Medicaid Cash Cow Enriches Health Plans

Medicaid, America’s health care welfare program, is hurting you. Last year, taxpayers paid $236 billion to cover the 50 million Medicaid enrollees in managed care. Health plans got paid monthly whether the recipients ever received care.

Medicaid is a cash cow for health plans. For example, when one plan lost its Medicaid contract, it lost 25 percent of its enrollees but one-third of its revenue. In short, the Medicaid program is enriching health plans using the shrinking dollars in your pocketbook. Instead, hospitals and clinics should be paid directly and only for care received. Let’s get rid of this pricy middleman.

“Thousands on Medicaid, MinnesotaCare to switch plans as Medica drops contract,” David Montgomery, Pioneer Press, December 1, 2016.


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