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Should Hospitals Be Tax Exempt?

In the 1700s, hospitals took all comers as a community benefit, which earned them tax-exempt status. They were charitable organizations. But today, some hospitals CEOs get million-dollar salaries and some hospitals have significantly reduced their charity care.

The IRS removed the requirement that tax-exempt hospitals offer a portion of care without charge after Medicare became law. But when Congress lowered Medicare payments, hospitals began charging other patients much more. For example, one hospital charges a “facility fee” of $1,100 for a two-view spine series, which could be obtained for only $38 at a private radiology center.


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