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Is Exchange Coverage Government Health Care?

Is the coverage offered by the Obamacare exchange government health care or private insurance? I have long called it Medicaid for the middle class – on a sliding fee scale. People apply to the federal government using a federal application form. Others say, no it’s private coverage.

Recently the Department of Health and Human Services issued conflicting statements. One statement said the agency “does not consider” exchange coverage “to be federal health care programs.” A later statement inferred that they are. Attorneys and others are trying to decide what is correct. I stand by my statement. Exchange coverage is government health care no matter how much you do or do not pay for it.


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