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Does Mayo Clinic Drives Up Costs?

A New York Times article blames Mayo Clinic for the rising cost of health care. The authors point to two proton beam cancer treatment facilities being built by Mayo Clinic. Each costs $180 million dollars and needs special equipment in a football-sized building with concrete walls. Medicare pays $50,000 for this therapy, double the usual cost.

But is Mayo at fault? Mayo is taking advantage of Medicare payments, but Congress deserves the blame. If Medicare were never created, patients with smaller pocketbooks would make cost-conscious decisions, the therapy would cost less, and the proton beam manufacturers would not charge $180 million dollars.


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