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**Attacks on Fast-Food Medicine**

A new report says retail clinics, like MinuteClinic, don’t save money despite being 40 to 80 percent cheaper because people go whenever they feel the need, knowing they don’t have to wait. That’s the same reason people go to fast-food restaurants. And what is the spending increase that an entire article is devoted to in this attack on retail clinics? Fourteen dollars per person per year.

That’s the cost of a cheap movie for two.

One researcher wrote that this “increased spending from new utilization outweighs the savings” of retail clinics. Another suggests that insurers should require copays for retail care. These attempts to limit your choices are what happens when someone else controls your dollars.

“**Study finds costs are higher with retail clinics,**” Christopher Snowbeck, StarTribune, March 8, 2016.

“**Convenient care, but at what price? The rise in retail health clinics,**” Meg Bryant, Healthcare DIVE, March 14, 2016.

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