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**Goal of Medicare Data Dump is Not Consumer Shopping**

The federal government recently published what each doctor is paid by Medicare for every outpatient procedure. They said it would help patients be better consumers. But I don’t think that’s the real purpose. No, this was released to impose controls. Now lawyers can go snooping for lawsuits, and health plans can use that data to reduce what they pay these doctors.

But there are so many caveats to the data that no one knows what the data means. And it just gives doctors another reason to say no to Medicare. Well, maybe that’s a good thing. Doctors need to go independent and patients need to start paying cash for routine and minor services. That’s the way back to health freedom.


“**Oncology Societies Warn of Distortion in Medicare Data Dump.**” Zosia Chustecka, Medscape Medical News, April 11, 2014.


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