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**Only Good Thing About Obamacare**

The only good thing about Obamacare is the cash economy it's building in medicine. With high deductibles, patients are asking for prices. And some hospitals are giving patients cost estimates and asking patients to pay their deductibles up front to make sure the hospital gets paid for its services.

After hearing the prices, some patients delay care, skip care or get no-interest loans through hospitals. Hospitals are also expanding charity care and say these frank cost discussions mean less bad debt for the hospital. I look forward to the day when there are Wedge hospitals with cash-based prices, which patients pay using the checks they receive in the mail from their indemnity insurers.

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