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Is CMS Going Rogue with $8.3 Billion

The United States Government Accountability Office – the GAO – is questioning the legality of the administration’s demonstration project which gives $8.3 billion dollars to Medicare Advantage health plans. The design flaws in the HMO quality bonus project may put it outside of the Medicare administration’s statutory authority.

At seven times the size of other projects, the GAO says this project dwarfs all other demonstrations in its impact on the U.S. budget. The design flaws limit any “credible evaluation of effectiveness,” thus failing to meet legal requirements. In short, the agency could be going rogue. Stay tuned.


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