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Legal Hospital Scam Hurts Patients

This might make you angry. The federal government has a program that forces drug companies to sell drugs to hospitals at a 25 to 50 percent discount. The hospitals can then turn around and charge insurers, patients, and government the full price of the medication.

For instance, one hospital bought $54.8 million in drugs at a discount and then sold them to patients for $131.8 million for a profit of $76.9 million. The program was intended to provide drugs for the uninsured, but only 1 in 20 of the patients served by the program were uninsured. This is a scam and you’re paying for it in higher drug and insurance costs.