September 18, 2012

Shocking Fact about Medicare

There are two shocking things you need to know about Medicare. First, Medicare does not allow Medicare patients to pay cash for covered services that Medicare denies. So, if you and your doctor want a CAT scan -- a covered service -- and Medicare says no, you cannot pay for it. Well you could, but the doctor would commit fraud if she took your money.

You would have to find a doctor that doesn’t participate in Medicare. That doctor can take cash, but must find a lawyer and sign an affidavit every two years for the privilege. That doctor must also drop all seniors who are on Medicare. And that doctor may not be the kind of doctor you need. Listen tomorrow for the second shocking fact.

“17 Medicare Facts,” Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, Updated August 1, 2011