Socialized Medicine American Style

In seven days, every doctor must use a new system of medical codes that provides government, health plans and researchers more details than ever on you and your doctor. Despite high costs and huge opposition, Republican leadership refused to stop it.

The number of diagnostic codes increases from 14,000 to 68,000 and the number of codes for inpatient hospital procedures increases from 4,000 to 87,000.

The codes, used for billing and analysis, will detail things like whether you got injured in the park or your bedroom, or exactly which finger bone your doctor fixed. If doctors don’t use the codes, they won’t get paid. This is socialized medicine, American-style.