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Socialized Medicine by Another Name

Do you know what the term “population health” means? It’s the antithesis of patient-centered care and the Hippocratic Oath. Under population health, the focus is the health of the community, including identification and tracking of people who do and do not seek care. Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, former Secretary of Health in Maryland and now Dean for Public Health at Johns Hopkins wants physicians “thinking about their whole population of patients, not just the ones in front of them.”

He says population health is public health done by the private sector. To me, this term indicates how health plans, clinics, doctors and hospitals are becoming arms of the government. Don’t be fooled: “population health” is socialized medicine by another name.


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