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Ruse for Medical Rationing

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens’ Council on Health Care.

Two former Medicare officials proposed that expensive new treatments be given only three years to prove that they are better than less expensive treatments. If they don’t, Medicare will cut physician payments to the old level.

This plan is a ruse for rationing. The company that developed the treatment has already had it approved by the government—the FDA. Now the company would have three years to prove the new treatment is better than the old treatment.

How is the word “better” defined? What classifies as “proof”? Expect medical innovation to disappear.

The answer to rising Medicare costs is not government rationing. Dollars must be put back into the hands of seniors who will decide for themselves whether the new expensive medical treatment is worth the cost.

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