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ACO is the New HMO

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

The federal government has released proposed rules on accountable care organizations, or ACOs. The ACO is the new HMO.

Obamacare requires that ACOs be established. Medicare recipients must be placed into ACOs. This is called the Shared Savings Program. It allows doctors and hospitals who participate in the ACO to make money by denying health care to seniors under the guise of improving “quality.” The process is called gain-sharing.

According to federal officials, the ACO could save the federal government $960 million over three years. Physicians can be held accountable for losses or they can receive bonuses. This begs the question: will your doctor be working for you or for himself?

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Sources:

“Medicare Shared Savings Program,” Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Section 3022.


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