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Will Your “Unnecessary” Care be Fraud?

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

The federal government charged 111 people in nine cities with health care fraud. Seven hundred federal agents rounded them up, and served 16 search warrants nationwide.

The accused were charged with cheating the government out of $225 million in false billing schemes.

As a large entitlement program, Medicare encourages and enables fraud. According to the government’s own records, Medicare has a long history of improper payments.

What bothered me most about the news article was that some providers were charged with submitting “claims to Medicare for treatments that were medically unnecessary.” Could your preferred care soon be considered unnecessary, fraudulent and a threat to your doctor’s freedom? Expanding government access to your private medical records probably means the answer is yes.

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