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Who Does Your Doctor Work For?

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

According to an analysis by Accenture, doctors who are truly independent have been declining at 2 percent annually. That decline will increase to 5 percent each year in 2013.

The report says, “Community-based physicians – those previously in private groups – are increasingly selling their practices or seeking employment directly with healthcare systems, and hospitals are aggressively acquiring physicians…”

This means doctors will no longer be working for patients. It may mean patients won’t be able to trust doctors to be their unconditional advocate.

By 2013, one year before Obamacare is fully in effect, only 33 percent of doctors will be truly independent. Sixty-seven percent will be employees of hospital or health care plans.

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