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Feds Reward Hospitals for Compliance

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

Last week, a Minnesota hospital got a $5.7 million dollar performance bonus from the federal government. Thus far, Medicare has paid $110 million dollars nationwide to seven of the 10 hospitals participating in the bonus program. Notably Medicare law requires the program to be budget neutral, meaning there’s no new money to pay bonuses.

As a result, these performance bonuses shift money away from institutions that do not participate. Medicare patients who are not in these 10 hospitals – that would be most of them – could be losing out because there is less money for their care.

Doctors and hospitals that practice medicine the government way are getting bonuses. This program is being used to bring doctors and patients under the heavy hand of government.

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