



Citizens' Council on Health Care

Health Freedom Minute

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Diverting Health Care Dollars

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

Yesterday, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners voted unanimously on what is and isn't "health care." Under ObamaCare, insurers must pay out at least 80% of every premium dollar for health care services.

But this vote defined a laundry list of management activities as health care. The 28-page document includes the following items and more in the definition: cost containment, conducting appeals, developing a provider network, sending appointment reminders, coaching, data systems, compliance monitoring, data extraction and analysis, government reporting, and claims adjustment activities, including postage.

These activities are not health care. They're management. By counting them as health care, they leave less money available for real care.

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