



Citizens' Council on Health Care

Health Freedom Minute

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\$22 Million Taxes for Colonoscopies

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

Always read the last two paragraphs of a news article. There you'll often find the opposition's viewpoint and interesting tidbits of information.

For instance, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on various options for the dreaded colonoscopy. It said only 63% of Americans are up to date with colon cancer screening.

But it wasn't until the last two paragraphs that readers learned that patient-tracking systems in clinics are used to identify (and likely pressure) patients who haven't been screened.

We also learned that the CDC has provided \$22 million dollars for colonoscopies. The money will pay for screening of uninsured and underinsured low-income middle-aged people in 26 states. In a hunt for federal funds, watch the tracking of the unscreened begin in earnest.

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