



Citizens' Council on Health Care

# Health Freedom Minute

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## Play or Pay Performance Mandate

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

Yesterday I discussed the implementation of ObamaCare through medical record surveillance and tracking. But that's not all. Your medical records will be used to financially penalize your doctors or encourage them to ration your care. As the Center for American Progress describes it, doctors will be "paid based on specific metrics" such as limiting emergency room visits or following government treatment directives, euphemistically called "evidence-based guidelines." This is called pay-for-performance, or more appropriately, pay for compliance.

The Center also notes that the controversial practice of gainsharing will be part of the payment scheme. State agencies will share with providers the savings that providers achieve, including Medicare providers. Imagine the incentives to limit care and call it cost-effective management.

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["How States Can Improve the Health Care System: Four Steps for Health Care Reform."](#) David M.Cutler. Center for American Progress. September 2010

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