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Congress Cuts Medicare Pay for Doctors

Congress wants to end the private practice of medicine. Look at their laws and rules.

Medicare recently released a rule with higher pay cuts to doctors who insist on being paid a fee for a service and refuse to enter an Obamacare arrangement where they are paid not for care, but for compliance with federal standards of lower spending.

This payment rule also gives more money to doctors who work in these Obamacare systems, called Accountable Care Organizations, or ACOs. These ACO groups are paid kickbacks from Medicare when the doctors save the government money, such as by rationing care. Most Medicare recipients are assigned to ACOs without their consent.

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> *"Assignment of Medicare beneficiaries to ACOs will be invisible to the beneficiary. . . Medicare beneficiaries who elect a Medicare Advantage plan are excluded from the ACO program."*

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