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Medicare Kickback Programs are "Socialism by Stealth"

Beware of "shared savings" programs. Government promises health systems they can cash in on part of what they save the government. This may mean denying or delaying your care or giving you a cheaper 5-year hip when you need a 15-year hip.

Obamacare's Accountable Care Organizations are a shared savings program. To prevent participating hospitals and systems from being charged with Medicare fraud, Congress exempted them from the Anti-Kickback law. So, these corporations now collude with government to limit your care.

Another shared savings program rewards AI companies who generate savings by denying prior authorization requests in Original Medicare. These Shared Savings programs are socialism by stealth.

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