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Trump Terminates Plan to Capture Independent Doctors

In 2024, Medicare launched a new way to pay solo and independent doctors. The program was called “Making Care Primary” and, if fully implemented, participating doctors would no longer be independent. They’d be paid for population care not patient care. Taking time away from hands-on care, they’d be paid to stratify the health risks of the population, review the data, and screen for social needs.

Participating doctors would get population-based payments in alignment with the Obamacare value-based payment scheme. Medicare claimed this would save money. It didn’t.

The Trump administration found it increased spending and, thankfully, this Obama-led and Biden-issued plan has now been terminated.

“Making Care Primary (MCP) Model” (PPT), CMS, December 7, 2023:
https://www.nmms.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2023_12_7-Making-Primary-Care-MCP-and-Medicare-Primary-Care-Investment-1.pdf

“CMS Terminated Four Value-Based Care Models Early and Signals New Strategy,” Bass Berry Sims, March 17, 2025:
<https://www.bassberry.com/news/cms-terminates-four-value-based-care-models-early-and-signals-new-strategy/>

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