

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: I missed the public zoom meeting last week.

Comment: I am a retired primary care physician (internal medicine). 3 thoughts: 1. Health care is unaffordable for many and expensive for the rest of us. Patients with high deductible insurance plans avoid care. My wife's insurance premium has been raised by \$100/month the past 2 years (2023 and again for 2024 - a silver plan). Despite that we were still charged \$625 for a plain xray of a knee - \$500 of which was the facility fee. So insurance is expensive and going up terribly every year and hospitals charge a lot for even a simple test. 2. Hospitals hire more and more administrators and pay them very large salaries. Hospital systems then become part of the problem. At the system where I last worked, physician administrators were paid \$1 million per year (way excessive in my opinion) when the average primary care physician was making less then \$200,000 (not a bad salary). 3. Consolidation and corporate medicine does not improve patient care. The promised savings from leveraged buying does not happen and it is not clear that negotiations with insurance companies lead to palpable advantages for patients. Health care needs to be an affordable right for all Americans - not a privilege. Thank you.

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