

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: DCE/REACH plans

Comment: I am opposed to efforts designed to privatize Traditional Medicare. These efforts have moved millions of Traditional Medicare beneficiaries into mostly commercial, for-profit Direct Contracting Entities (DCE), often without the enrollees' full understanding or consent. In ways like commercial Medicare Advantage plans (which have been harmful to our hospital and patients), these entities have a financial incentive to interfere with care decisions and waste taxpayer dollars when compared with the efficiency of Traditional Medicare. Now I'm hearing that DCE plans have been renamed this program "REACH" without any improvements but with, apparently to me, even more generous benefits to industry. Privatization threatens the future of Medicare and the welfare of patients and sustainability of hospitals and health centers.

Post Comment: Yes