

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Comment: Contrary to reassurances from Vytalize and from MHC to the contrary, in his recent GMCB submission, Andy Barter, Little River's CEO, points out that Vytalize provides "the most expansive programming on Hierarchical Coding Condition optimization". This is the process by which Little River's staff will take their precious time to assist Vytalize in providing an expanded and "optimized" list of diagnoses that will maximize the amount of money Medicare will transmit to Vytalize. This coding "optimization" is an important mechanism--arguably the most important means-- by which both ACO REACH as well as Medicare Advantage corporations are depleting the Medicare Trust Fund. Little Rivers and other financially struggling primary care clinics doing great work every day are thus obliged to help out for-profit behemoths like Vytalize maximize their profits by bilking Medicare, and the clinics are rewarded with a financial kickback--small change for Vytalize, but essential funds for the clinics. One more way the US health care system is a complete mess. See my other submission for the remainder of my analysis of the Vytalize application

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