

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Vytalize Budget

Comment: There is nothing more that I can add to the comments from the public and the HCA that have already submitted about the Vytalize ACO-Reach program. As has been stated it is "Medicare Advantage plans on Steroids." The presentations from Vytalize at the meeting a couple weeks ago only enhanced this view and my mistrust of these programs and of the entire concept in general. This is simply another scheme to transfer from health care to "wealth care." To quote one public comment on this issue, "Adding middlemen to the system has no realistic chance of enhancing quality of care or cost of care, but it certainly will provide Vitalyze an avenue to enhancing its bottom line." Vytalize is a private equity firm. They are hunting for profits. Patients are the means to that end, as they scam us Medicare patients and scam the system to enrich themselves. It is not about lowering costs or improving quality, despite Vytalize's suave sales pitch a couple weeks ago. It's about the wealth of these entities and their investors and getting it from Medicare through Medicare patients. I have been on the receiving end of some of this attempt at managing my care. Someone will call you out of nowhere and come up with some sales pitch about how their managing your care would help you. This is pure baloney. This, of course, is billable to Medicare. We all know that OneCare has not lowered costs, improved quality, or done anything particularly noteworthy to improve our healthcare in any significant way. This is despite the years of incredibly hard work on it from the GMCB and the billions we premium and taxpayers have shoveled into it. There is no reason to expect this ACO-Reach will do any better as it reaches into our pockets. As a previous commentator stated, "Pure and simple, this is a way to corporatize and profit from Medicare, one of America's proudest achievements," especially since the ACO-Reach mess is already fraught with abuse nationwide. This Vytalize entity is "Medicare Advantage on Steroids." It's all about the wealthcare and not the actual healthcare. I sincerely hope that the GMCB, which no doubt understands this, will vote no on Vytalize to operate in Vermont.

Post Comment: Yes