

MEDICARE MAKING PROBLEMS

FOR BOTH DOCTORS AND PATIENTS

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Editor-in-Chief Michael Cohn of Accounting Today (www.accountingtoday.com) wrote the article “Medicare Problems Only Grow Worse” for the edition of September 22, 2010. The article is available on the internet. It gives another view of the problems with Medicare under the Obama administration and the new health care reform law known as “Obamacare”.

Doctors are not required to be part of Medicare. So, when doctors start to drop their connection to Medicare, won't that cause senior citizens some difficulty to find a doctor who accepts Medicare? That might be the case in the future. Here is what Michael Cohn wrote in the first paragraph of the article in Accounting Today.

Doctors have been opting out of the Medicare system at an alarming rate lately as the system goes through a tumultuous year, leaving some accountants' clients in a bind when they suddenly cannot get their medical bills paid. [This refers to getting Medicare to pay the bills.]

In another part of the article, Cohn states that doctor offices “are having a hard time keeping up with the rapid changes in Medicare. The system is on its fourth physician fee schedule of the year, thanks to all the uncertainty and changes brought by the health care reform bill.”

For years, I have been writing articles that expose the flaws in the Medicare system for senior citizens. For years, I have been helping senior citizens to get Medicare caused medical bill problems corrected. The system is far from perfect for doctors, too.

I appreciated the article by Michael Cohn in Accounting Today and would encourage people to find that article on the internet and read it. It is good to gain a perspective of the problem from another party's view.

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