

Health Care Reform and Its Impact on ASCs and Healthcare Delivery

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What form will Obama Care end up taking?

- Legal Challenges – Commerce Clause
- Political Challenges – one more election before full implementation
- Financial Challenges – soaring debt not sustainable

Without Obama Care ASCs are already in trouble.

- Loss of ONN
- Rising costs and declining reimbursements
 - Escalators not matching inflation
- Loss of private practice model leading to decreasing cases

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- IPAB – Independent Payment Advisory Board
 - 15 individuals acting autonomously to decrease healthcare costs
- Productivity adjustment to escalators
 - Bad for every ASC in America

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- ACO – Accountable Care Organization
 - Rules reveal a bureaucratic morass with few takers long term
- VBP – Value Based Purchasing
 - Delays good for ASCs that are run well
 - Implementation

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As a practical matter, the more likely outcome is the political rationing of care for the elderly, as now occurs in Britain, or else the board will drive prices so low that many doctors and hospitals drop out of Medicare. Either alternative would create the kind of two-tier system dividing the poor and affluent...

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- Decreasing payment to providers – Medicaid rates for Medicare
- Physicians and other providers will drop out and we will have two healthcare delivery systems in America.
- Already happening in Florida - my personal physician has dropped out of Medicare.

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