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The pay per visit model is deeply concerning as it compromises the quality of patient care in several ways. Clinicians are pressured to spend less time per visit, regardless of the needs of the patient. Clinicians do not have control of last minute changes to the schedule, for example if a patient is found to be in need of emergency care and the clinician is the person making that determination, the clinician has a responsibility to remain with the patient until emergency care arrives. This scenario impacts the remaining visits of the day, likely requiring them to be rescheduled. If it is a pay per visit model, the clinician would likely be facing a pay cut for providing the ethically appropriate care in addition to feeling pressure to push through the additional visits. I do not feel patients should face compromised quality of care based on the greed of a corporation. Clinicians should not be facing ethical dilemmas related to the care they provide due to worry over finances (losing pay) or due to high pressure/risk of job loss from not meeting a standard that is only based on a profit perspective. Our patients are the most at risk with a pay per visit model. The rural areas are often poorly supported in a pay per visit model as are more complex patients because both require more time. Rural patient require more time due to the drive to access their home. Rural patients also often have low access to other services, so home health and hospice are critical for them. Complex patients require more time in order to avoid decreased safety with therapy.

Please support this measure, and help in the goal to choose patients over profits.

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