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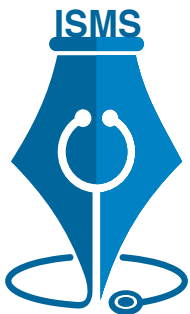
The Difference in Medicare Patients' Cash Outlay is Significant

When you admit a patient covered by Medicare to the hospital, are you asked whether you want that patient covered under Part A or Part B? Probably not.

But in reality, that is what should happen at the time a physician determines if a patient should be a full inpatient admission as opposed to being admitted on an observation or outpatient status.

What may seem to be an administrative decision, rather than a clinical determination, can end up with surprising financial consequences for a Medicare patient.

Unless patients are in a dedicated observation unit, it may appear to the patient, family members, hospital staff and physicians that they are admitted to the hospital. After all, they are in a hospital bed receiving nursing and supportive care, having tests done, taking medication and being fed. But if they are being observed rather than admitted, Medicare considers their care to be a ... [Read More](#)



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