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HCA on Controlling Health Care Costs

As the focus on reforming health care legislation in the United States remains strong, its advocates continually speak of controlling costs or of implementing “cost containment.” We at Healthcare Associates in Medicine, P.C. believe that changes to the current health care system are necessary. We also believe that costs need to be contained. We are still unsure however, *what* costs are going to be contained, *who* will be controlling costs and *how* those involved will go about doing so.

For a health care provider, the costs are varied. “The three most prominent ones include the cost of maintaining sufficient malpractice coverage, the cost of employees and the cost of products, supplies and equipment,” said HCA’s CEO and administrator, Paul I. Berkley. “These three elements,” said Mr. Berkley, “constitutes a substantial amount of capital. To attempt to control just one aspect, however, dismisses the necessity to address the totality of the issue.”

Theoretically, the attempts by the Obama administration to reform health care are well intentioned. Questions have arisen, though, without any discernable response. Whose costs are going to be contained – the provider or the insurance company? Or both? And what will this mean for the care the patient receives? Will the quality and quantity suffer? These questions have yet to be answered sufficiently. Unfortunately, only by addressing these concerns, can progress begin to be made in terms of reform.

As one of the top health care providers for New Yorkers, we are keeping a close eye on the health care reform attempts. We want to make sure our patients receive the best care they can get. Our physicians, who specialize in neurology, neurological surgery, orthopaedics and pain management are the community’s preeminent providers of coordinated neurological, neuromuscular and musculo-skeletal services. Dedicated to providing our patients with the very best in medical care, we at Healthcare are committed to the ongoing advancement and development of our specialty services.

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