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Adding hospital-acquired conditions to SCHIP and Medicaid bills

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An advocate in KY suggested that we initiate amendments to the Medicaid and SCHIP bills expected in the next Congress that would require these state programs to adopt the Medicare non-payment policy on hospital-acquired conditions. It would be a great way to get some savings and to get a standard policy for government programs. Several states have instituted nonpayment policies for their Medicaid programs, but they are not as extensive as the Medicare policy – most do not include any hospital-acquired infections, for example.

What do you think? I am copying Dr. Kevin Kavanaugh, the advocate suggesting this.

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