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Subject: Do doctors get a financial reward for putting people on Hospice?

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Does anyone know if doctor offices or doctors get a financial reward or has a quota of how many people they put on Hospice care? I do not mean this as sarcasm in any way, but I wonder if anyone knows. My mother is having a doctor come from a place called Visiting Physicians here in Michigan. The doctor has come a total of 5 times in the last year and probably has not spent more than 2 hours total with her. I called the doctors office twice because she had a bad bed sore, but they didn't call back when they said, so about a week or so after my last call someone calls.

They ended up contacting a place that has nurses come, and we have the most wonderful nurse coming that is helping my mother. The bed sores are healing quite well, but it takes a while. My mother is 95 and isn't eating hardly anything or drinking much, but she is still alert and knows what

is going on. This lady doctor came a couple days ago and said my mother is in more pain than she

says so she wants me to put her in Hospice care so Hospice can regulate her pain with medicine. My mother is in pain when I move her legs or the nurse cleans the sores, but she is not in pain all the time, and sure doesn't need to have someone come regulate it. This doctor has threatened

to drop my mother as her patient and turn me over to adult protective services because she said it is elder abuse. To me it would be murder if I let Hospice come. A couple months ago a friend of mine got called in the middle of the night saying her husbands father was having a very hard time and would be gone soon. When they got there they realized he was just having a hard time, but far from dying, so they asked to give him something to calm him. The nurse came in, gave

him quite a bit of Morphine and before the man's son could get back from the bathroom he was dead.

A Hospice nurse from New York told me this happens all the time, they give them Morphine so the drug slows down their system so it speeds up their death. Another nurse said someone she knew

just wouldn't die so a nurse kept giving the person with cancer more Morphine each time until the

person died. A nurse once told me this happens all the time, an overdose of Morphine to speed up

a persons death. The doctor my mother deals with said I have until Monday at 2:00 to tell her which

Hospice I will go with or she will drop my mother from her care and she can find a different doctor. That

would be hard because there aren't hardly any that do house calls any more, and this doctor knows that. And if my mother is in so much pain, why didn't she prescribe something for her, until I could get Hospice help? Because this good doctor couldn't care less about my mother, just meeting some quota most likely. And if the good doctor has such concern for my mother why is she is willing to cut off all help? This is why I am wondering if the doctors get a cut from the insurance companies or Hospice people? If she goes on Hospice they just try to make someone comfortable and most likely hurry along their dying. Saves them lots of money to just have someone die than take care of them. Now before some thinks I am lumping everyone who works at Hospice in this category, I am not, but it does happen much more frequently than people want to believe. There is no way on the planet my mother needs to have pain regulated by Hospice, so I will refuse the care and let the good doctor do whatever she wants.

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