

## Just Say “No” to HMOs

I’m a fee-for-service doctor;  
It’s the way I earn my dough.  
I am working for my patients,  
Rather than an HMO.  
I don’t serve the vested interests  
Of the “Company” at large,  
I just try to please my patients  
They’re the ones who are in charge.

I deal only with the people  
Who’ve elected to come here,  
Not a programmed secretary  
Who is prone to interfere.  
It’s a friendship, not a contract,  
Folks are free to come and go,  
They’re not stuck with my opinion  
‘Cause I’m on their HMO.

I decide what’s indicated  
From the merits of the case,  
Not a bunch of strained statistics  
From the cost-reduction race.  
If the price of what is needed’s  
A significant amount,  
It’s the patient I consider,  
Not his HMO’s account.

Sure, the HMOs can save you  
On your health insurance price,  
But the freedom that they cost you  
Is a major sacrifice.  
Just remember they’re for profit,  
They don’t give you anything,  
What you save is just the margin  
Limiting your care will bring.

So if you desire insurance  
That allows you some control,  
Stay away from managed programs  
Where the doctors must enroll.  
Pick a policy that lets you  
Chose your options as you go:  
And refuse to be persuaded  
To accept an HMO.