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Comment - I am an Emergency Room Nurse and the non emergent visits are incredible. If Medicaid recipients had to call a triage Nurse prior to going to the ER, I believe a lot of this if not all of the non emergent visits would stop. The triage Nurse would tell the patient whether or not the ER visit would be deemed necessary and would advise that person to seek medical attention immediately. That visit would be covered. If that triage Nurse does not deem the potential visit necessary, then if the person went to the ER, then it would be deducted form their check for the cost of the visit. This system is suppose to be a hand up, not a hand out. I have seen parents who have been in the Medicaid system for years, coaching their kids on what to say so that they will be able to "use the system" when they get older. Of course, I truly believe that a Medicaid recipient should have to pass drug tests to receive their checks every month. Random screenings also. The company I work for does random screenings, if one was to fail their test, they would not be getting a paycheck. What is the difference? Our youth are at risk for not being able to fend for themselves, the self-gratification of earning what you have and not relying on others at all times. Hiring a few triage Nurses would be a lot cheaper than all of the visits that are not necessary. Private insurance companies do it. Why wouldn't the Government? Thank you.