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## The Executive Order On Health Care Price Transparency And Quality

In June 2019 President Trump signed an order which directed federal agencies to increase healthcare price and quality transparency. **The goal of this order is to help consumers know the prices and quality of the services they are receiving so they are able to make informed decisions about their healthcare.** Currently this is only an executive order and not a change or law itself. It is a directive to draft new guidance or rules.

### The order includes five main provisions instructing federal agencies to issue guidance that would:

- require hospitals to disclose information about their negotiated rates in a format that's understandable and usable by patients.
- require insurance companies to provide patients with information about cost of care, including out-of-pocket costs, before they receive services.
- develop a comprehensive roadmap for consistent, limited, consumer-centric quality metrics.
- disclose de-identified federal healthcare data that protects patient and consumer privacy, enables transformation of the healthcare marketplace, and allows researchers to develop tools and analytics to allow patients to be at the center of their healthcare.
  - expand the availability of HSAs to cover direct primary care arrangements and healthcare sharing ministries, include more preventive services and products that can be covered in the deductible period, and issue guidance on the amount of funds that can be carried over at the remainder of the year for FSAs.

