Question of the Week

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Q: Do private pay rates have to be higher than Medicaid rates?

A: There is no requirement that Medicaid pay less or more than private pay. However, there are limits in relation to Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid cannot, under federal law, pay more than Medicare. Market forces would, in effect, set private pay rates that may be higher or lower than Medicaid and Medicare rates.