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NURSING HOMES HARM SHORT-TERM PATIENTS

"A report released in 2014 by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General found that 22 percent of Medicare patients who stayed in a nursing facility for 35 days or less experienced harm as a result of their medical care. ... These nursing homes were not built for this purpose,' said Dr. Arif Nazir ... at Indiana University who studies geriatrics. He said many patients leave hospitals with acute medical needs, before infections have been fully treated, or as they adjust to new medications."

Source:

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/15/business/as-nursing-homes-chase-lucrative-patients-quality-of-care-is-said-to-lag.html?_r=0

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MILITARY FAMILY WILL SOON ASK SCOTUS TO OVERTURN FERES DOCTRINE

"[T]he Supreme Court concluded in the 1950 Feres ruling that the government is not liable for injuries stemming from activity 'incident to service.' But the doctrine has been used time and again to dismiss egregious errors by military physicians and contractors. ...This fall, the Supreme Court will receive another petition on a case involving injuries to a baby related to circumstances of the baby's active-duty mother."

Source:
<http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/benefits/health-care/2015/07/05/feres-doctrine-military-service-women-children/29570329/>

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Department of Health and Human Services have asked the public to weigh in on whether forced arbitration clauses should be banned in nursing home contracts. We say yes, these clauses must be banned! For more information, see our agency comments: <http://centerjd.org/content/letter-stop-forced-arbitration-nursing-homes>

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