

## **TRANSCRIPTION OF FOX NEWS CHANNEL TELEVISION COVERAGE:**

Thank you. Brigitte: new medicare program tested in California where doctors are making house calls to patients to try to cut costs. We get more about this live, trace gallagher is joining from us Los Angeles this morning. You know, with all of the new medical technology who would have thought we would talk about old fashion medicine. Some believe house calls maying the ticket that will help people and save money. This is a pilot program from medicare and a company called care level management. It is starting in Florida, in Texas, and here in California, involving about 15,000 people. These are people who are very sick, elderly, sometimes feeble. People who have a tough time getting to the doctor or simply can't wait to see a physician and they are not sick enough to go to a hospital. That is where doctors like this come in. Instead of seeing 35 patients a day in an office, she sees seven to 10 patients at their homes giving them more time, personal attention. And a better understanding of the condition. Patients also can call her 24/7. Is this a scam? No, I am not trying to take your money. It is free, it is covered by your insurance company. Care level is not out here to take advantage of you. The hope is also to save money because 5% of the sickest medicare patients take up 43% of the budget. These are people who often end up going to hospitals or E.R.'s several time and get expense he have tests when they don't necessarily need them. Critics say at least when they go to the facilities they have support staff and the best equipment. Those behind the program say these patients get the best of both worlds. They can go to any doctor, they can be treated at any hospital. But they are also going to have the benefit of this personal visiting physician that is a very, very nice service. The program will last three years. And if it is successful we may see a lot more house calls in the future. Brigitte: trace gallagher, a throw back to the old days. Thank you very much. Fox news alert. Telling you through the course of the morning there is conflicting information out of Iraq about the status of the constitution there.