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HHS Proposal Bad for Senior Healthcare, Leading Lawyers Say

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A proposed rule requiring skilled nursing facilities to disclose ownership and management information to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is bad for business and healthcare, according to Healthcare Practice Group Chair Robert Slavkin and Greg Limoncelli, co-chair of the firm's Senior Living & Care Sector Team. The pair spoke with industry magazine Health Leaders this week about the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' new rule proposal, which seems to target private equity investment in nursing homes.

"The private equity firms can't ... just say, 'well, we're just going to throw money at things and not have to bear any of the responsibility," Slavkin told the publication. "But, on the other hand, the government can't be restricting these sources of cash, equity, and investment from these aspects of the healthcare industry because ultimately it does help if monitored and managed appropriately."

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