

Comments on Rosenshein and Valentine, “[The Role of Primary Care Providers in Mental Health Care](#)” A Literature Review Submitted to the Myers-JDC-Brookdale/Brandeis Collaboration on Mental Health



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Prior to the reform, half the patients seeking help with mental health turned to primary care. Since the reform – now that the HMOs are also responsible for the provision of mental health services – matters might very well change. Primary-care physicians could now refer to specialized services some of the patients that they used to accept in the past.

On the other hand, some patients might resent the fact that their "personal" information is now on record at an HMO, and turn to a completely private option. It is not clear whether this has already become a real trend or is merely a warning used by the opponents to the reform.

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