

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to commend you on the *Journal*. The quality of the articles is really very high. I was particularly impressed with the article by Dr. Robert S. Pyatt on continuing medical education.¹ The theme of this article and the content is very important in the emerging managed care arena. Doctors simply are not used to having anyone look over their shoulder. His conclusions that in fact it is very difficult to change physician behavior are absolutely right on. As a regional medical director who deals with such issues at a large managed care organization, I found his outline of the methods used at his hospital to change physician behavior very informative. The continuing medical education industry has begun to recognize the need for changes in the educational process, and very importantly, they already are beginning to act on this recognition.

In closing, let me say that I find your publication overall to be outstanding. The editors obviously have taken time to think through what will be of value to a medical director or a member of a managed care organization, and they have put it into clear and concise fashion. Keep up the good work.

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