

Local Doctor Devises Healthcare Plan For His Patients

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NEW YORK - A local doctor sick of dealing with health-insurance companies, is taking a novel approach and offering his own insurance of sorts at a low price.

Dr. John Muney, a surgeon who runs clinics in all five boroughs plans on charging his patients a flat rate of \$79 a month for care.

He has already started offering procedures like yearly mammograms and mole removals for less than \$1,000.

"People ask me, 'What's the catch?' I say, 'there isn't one," Muney told the NY Post.

In addition, Muney plans on providing emergency care, pediatrics, lab work, gynecological care and 10 physical-therapy visits a year for his patients at all AMG Medical Group clinics.

Currently, a majority of his patients are not on his plan and use regular insurance, so he hasn't seen much of a profit just yet.

But Muney says he created the plan in order to help people, not to make a quick buck.

"I don't see any reason not to do it," he said. "Hopefully, this will be a gift to a lot of sick people."