

To: Whomever - O.WJ 4/26/97

The GSPAN's Washington Journal is interesting (sometimes) but because too often the guests do not bother to correct callers misinformation, it contributes to confusion and gross errors. This morning, for example, and once again, someone said that "Medicare pays 80% of patient's cost. FALSE! Medicare pays 80% of what it APPROVES. I just spent 6 days in hosp. and I calculated that, in Arizona, Medicare APPROVES 55 to 57%: therefore re-imbursement ONLY 80% of amount.

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Cont. charged by Dts!! My supplement insurance then paid
20% of what Medicare did. Thank you for C-SPAN. H. Stacey