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**Turning Hotels into Hospitals During Crisis**

Loma Linda, California is using telemetry (sensors) so doctors can monitor hospital patients overnight at hotels after surgery or a medical procedure rather than keeping them at the hospital. The city manager says hotel rooms are cheaper and more relaxing.

Likewise, the Medicare administration just announced that it will allow hospitals to treat patients outside their own buildings. This means Covid-19 patients can stay at the hospitals and hospitals can transfer other patients to surgery centers, rehab facilities, hotels, and even dormitories, and still receive payment from Medicare. Patients at these facilities may need post-surgical observation or other short-stay treatment or recovery. It’s a temporary rule, but it could lead to some permanent changes if it goes well.

**“Analysis: Telehealth Can Turn Hotels into Inpatient Monitoring Facilities,”**