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Some patients with chronic diseases may have special reason to pay the additional expense of concierge medicine. Dr. Don Fischer, the chief medical officer at Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in Pittsburgh and a cardiologist, said that one of his pediatric patients received a house call by his concierge pediatrician on Easter Sunday. The child, who had a heart problem, received a diagnosis of endocarditis. Dr. Fischer attributes the accurate off-hours diagnosis to the child's getting immediate treatment.