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# Health Freedom Minute

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## The “Giant Hospital Bill” Scam

Dr. Keith Smith from the cash-based Surgery Center of Oklahoma was once asked by a hospital executive how much revenue his surgical center makes from uncompensated care. Odd question because uncompensated care is care where no payment was received.

But the reality Dr. Smith says is that “Hospitals are paid to the extent that they claim that they were not paid.” In short, hospitals charge inflated fake prices, accept low payments and then report huge losses to the government which reimburses them with your tax dollars. The more the hospital charges, the bigger the fictional losses hospitals can claim. Dr. Smith calls this the “Giant Hospital Bill Scam.”

**“Keith Smith on Free Market Health Care,”** Russ Roberts, The Library of Economics and Liberty, November 18, 2019: <https://www.econtalk.org/keith-smith-on-free-market-health-care/>

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