Zero Evidence

It didn’t work. For four years, Medicare has refused to pay for care associated with any infection that a Medicare patient got during hospitalization if the government determined it to be “preventable.” But a new study found zero evidence that the penalties worked.

Researchers speculate that the penalties weren’t large enough or the hospitals were already doing all they could to limit infection. Obamacare expands these penalties from Medicare to Medicaid, meaning even less pay for care given. Maybe the government should simply decrease its more than 132,000 pages of regulations so doctors and nurses have more time to prevent these infections. Just a thought.