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“Right to Try” Drug Law is Untried

Laws don’t always work the way you think they should. The new federal “Right to Try” law gives patients with terminal illnesses the right to try experimental medication after it gets through the first phase of FDA approval, but only if the drug manufacturer is willing to provide it and the doctor is willing to order it.

Surprisingly, the right to try process has gone, well, untried. It seems the regulatory costs of just getting through the first phase are so high companies are unable to afford offering the drug. Plus, many insurance companies are unable or unwilling to cover unapproved drugs. To make medication affordable and available, patients desperately need the FDA to deregulate drug development.


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