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More Clerks, Fewer Nurses

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Obamacare means fewer nurses for patient care and more administrative staff for paperwork.

Here’s one example. According to Kaiser Health News, one hospital in New Hampshire cut one hundred ten people from its staff, many of them nurses and other care givers. But they are still hiring. The new hires are administrative workers.

According to the vice president of the hospital, new employees are being hired to “deal with new technology, new services, new regulations, electronic health records, [and] government reporting requirements on quality.”

The hospital is seeking billing specialists, information technology experts and program managers at the same time that it’s cutting nursing positions.

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