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No One Dies From Being Uninsured

In 2002, the Institute of Medicine claimed 18,000 people die each year from being uninsured. In 2009, another study increased the number to 45,000 people. This is nonsense. Coroners do not list uninsurance as a cause of death. To underscore this fact, once upon a time, not so long ago, there was no such thing as insurance and people were not dying for lack of it. Health insurance is a rather new invention.

Several economists have debunked this claim that people die from being uninsured. One even found having Medicaid was associated with a higher death rate than being uninsured. Another found no difference between the insured and uninsured once demographics, health status and health behaviors were considered.

“When Health Care Myths Go Viral,” Bacchus Barua, The Quarterly, Fraser Institute, Summer 2014.

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