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Obamacare Has Not Improved Health, Say Researchers

Obamacare has provided coverage to more people, albeit under the threat of penalties, but it hasn’t led to better health, according to The New York Times. The writer says the evidence for Obamacare being a lifesaver is “conspicuously missing.”

Interestingly, states that have expanded Medicaid under Obamacare have seen an increase in deaths from drug overdoses. Medicaid may explain part of this, but one analysis suggests the law’s provision letting young adults stay on their parent’s policies may have made prescriptions easier to obtain. There’s also no change in unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking and drinking. So, all those taxpayer dollars used to subsidize coverage are not, as he writes, a guarantee to improving anyone’s health.


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