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The Promise Can't Fix the Problem

Obamacare promised to give millions of people access to health care who do not have it today. The Congressional Budget Office says 30 to 33 million more people will be insured. About half of these folks, 16 to 17 million people, will be enrolled in Medicaid. This may give states a mental health problem which no psychiatrist can fix.

These new Medicaid recipients will be guaranteed access to mental health services, but the system already has waiting lines and many mental health clinicians are unwilling to see these patients due to the government’s poor payments. So much for Obama’s promise. One study says 2.3 million recipients will need mental health services.