House Calls Are Coming Back

Years ago, a physician came to my grandfather’s house carrying his black medical bag. House calls were 40 percent of all doctor’s visits back in 1930 but less than 1 percent in 1980. But house calls are coming back. A California company called heal brings a doctor to your house in less than an hour for $99. Dispatch Health in Denver charges as little as $150 for an in-person visit where blood work can be done, meds given, and lacerations stitched.

Urgent care centers, which see this as a threat to their business, can only come up with arguments questioning how sanitary homes are and whether the lighting is sufficient for stitches. Let’s welcome the return of affordable cash-based care.