Time to Resurrect Cooperative Care

Last week our organization, Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom, released a report on mutual aid. Before health insurance and welfare existed, many people cared for each other through Fraternal Organizations. Benefits included sick pay, medical care, funeral expenses, financial support and more.

Members included investors, workers and managers. And there was a devotion to virtue. Fraternals taught honesty, duty, service, self-discipline, respect, trust, civility, and patriotism. This was not charity. People paid memberships. Today’s health sharing organizations are emerging as a type of fraternal organization. Perhaps it is time to resurrect this model of cooperative care.