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Typo Ends Health Care

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Beware the typo. As reported in News of the Weird, “Vietnam veteran Ronald Flanagan, in the midst of expensive treatment for bone cancer, had his medical insurance canceled in January…”

His wife mistakenly keyed in a ‘7’ instead of a ‘9’ in the ‘cents’ column while paying the couple’s premium online. They were 2 cents short.

The health plan called it ‘insufficient payment,’ allowing termination of coverage. The plan said it warned the Flanagans before cancellation, but Mr. Flanagan said “the so-called warning was just an ordinary billing statement that did not draw his attention.”

The 2 cent typo appears to be a handy excuse for the insurer to drop coverage at a time when their help was needed most. Actions like this add unfortunate fuel to the national health care fire.

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