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Insurers Are Bank

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

Did you read the article about me on the front page of yesterday’s Star Tribune?

The reporter correctly stated that I am not a fan of insurance companies today. That’s because they aren’t insurance companies. Health plans are simply a bill paying service.

We’re paying them to pay our bills for everything from a sore throat to a heart attack. That makes health care unaffordable for many.

Health plans are also essentially banks where we store our health care dollars, but unlike banks, health plans don’t have to give those dollars back. Medical necessity definitions allow them to deny access to those dollars and the care they could pay for.

Let’s get back to true insurance against the rare catastrophic conditions that can bankrupt. That’s real insurance.

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