

VOICES OF THE UNINSURED

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“PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF”

I'm an anesthesiologist.
I am a soprano and coach singers.
I am a single parent with a child in college.
I am uninsured.



Music and medicine are the two streams
running through my life.

Singing is all about taking air in and releasing it
with beauty. Anesthesia is about comfort
and safety, maintaining the airways.

The cost of insurance took my breath away.
Catastrophic coverage with a \$10,000 deductible
costs \$300-\$400 a month.

When I get sick fear spreads through my body.

Oh, no. I'm going to lose my home!

Insurance and drug companies play on fear.

I won't buy into it.

We reimburse disease. We don't promote health.

I believe that fear is a potent immunosuppressant:
it leaves us weaker and more vulnerable.

Recently I ended up in Emergency Room.
My charges, almost \$400. At the follow-up,
the doctor said, “Let's get a CAT scan.”
Cost \$1700 plus, but I'll pay it over time.
Thank God, everything came back normal.
Still, it's a steep price to pay for peace of mind.

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provide it for Margery? For you?**

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