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LETTERS

When Health Insurance Is No Comfort

To the Editor:

I was underinsured when I learned I had breast cancer. I was terrified that I would die because I could not afford treatment. I am one of the many people who have insurance but are unable to afford the co-payments that are required to get through surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

I was determined to live. I searched for help and found the Patient Access Network, which helps insured patients with the out-of-pocket costs of expensive treatments. Thanks to this group, I am able to continue my drug therapy to prevent a recurrence. They and others have saved my life.

I don't know the answer to our health care crisis, but I am grateful that such help does exist for patients like me.

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