

The Cost of Medicine—in 55 Words

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Morning sirens.

Ambulance driving on the highway, town roads, back roads, dirt roads, to a trail.

Woman yelling, “Don’t take him to the doctor!”

Man in DKA nods. “Ran out of insulin.”

“I can’t afford another bill. I’ll be okay. Don’t worry.”

“Okay . . . please call if anything worsens.”

Call at 6 pm.

Dead on arrival.