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Drowning Outside the Insurance Pool

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Abstract

This graphic narrative explores struggles with underinsurance, compromised access to indicated care, and intergenerational health inequity.

Figure. Detail from *Drowning*



Media

Procreate® for iPad.

Caption

For many, access to health care is a lifelong struggle. Systemic social and economic inequalities have **intergenerational health consequences**, affecting not only who can access care, but how long care is accessible. This comic tells Guzman's personal story of underinsurance both visually and narratively.

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