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Letter: Medicare for All: good news in details

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Jan opened her copy of the Enterprise-Record and was disappointed to see a front-page headline reading, “Improved Medicare for All passes: taxes to increase.”

Jan worked hard to get a job with medical benefits and her \$495 monthly premium took a big chunk out of her paycheck. Jan knew she also paid about \$200 a month in co-pays, deductibles, and for vision and dental expenses. Jan was spending over \$8,000 a year on medical, vision, and dental. She was also concerned about the help she was giving her elderly mother because Medicare only covered 80% of her medical expenses.

Jan felt this was a disaster and was why she opposed Medicare for All. She almost didn’t want to know but decided to read the article to get the details of the bad news. Sure enough, there it was in the first paragraph of the article, a 4% tax on her income of \$80,000 was going to cost her \$3,200!

She continued reading and was surprised to find that the new law stated that all medical insurance premiums would be canceled and there would be no co-pays or deductibles. The new Improved Medicare for All program would also cover all vision, dental, and mental health treatments. Amazingly, her mother’s plan would now cover 100% of her medical expenses.

Jan sat for some time holding her copy of the E-R. She realized she should have supported Improved Medicare for All from the start.

Sources: tax rate <https://www.sanders.senate.gov/> insurance costs <https://www.thebalance.com/>

— *Jim Burfeind, Chico*



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