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THE MYTH

“My taxes will go up.”

THE FACT

Taxes will go up, but most people will pay less for healthcare overall. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) ends premiums, deductibles, copays, and medical bills. Taxes take their place. Because the plan cuts waste and paperwork, the vast majority of people will pay less in new taxes than they pay for healthcare today.

WHAT YOU ALREADY PAY TODAY

You already pay a hidden “health tax.” It is split between your taxes and your medical bills, so the total is hard to see.

1. **Insurance payments.** You pay an insurance company every month, and it can still say “no” to the care you need.
2. **Money out of your pocket.** Deductibles, copays, and bills every time you see a doctor, fill a prescription, or go to the hospital.
3. **Medicare tax on every paycheck.** 2.9% of wages already goes to Medicare, split between you and your employer.
4. **State and federal taxes.** Income, sales, and property taxes help pay for Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program, veterans’ care, and public health.
5. **Help for Marketplace plans.** Tax dollars lower the cost of plans sold on the government Marketplace, and that money goes to insurance companies.

WHAT CHANGES UNDER NATIONAL IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL

- ✓ **No more premiums, deductibles, copays, or medical bills.** Those costs go away for everyone.
- ✓ **Fair taxes take their place.** Ideas include income taxes based on what you earn, a flat payroll tax, and taxes on big company profits and great wealth. The bill does not set the exact taxes yet.
- ✓ **Savings keep costs down.** Less paperwork, lower drug prices, one fair payment rate for doctors and hospitals, less billing fraud, and fewer emergency room trips.
- ✓ **No more denied care or billing fights.** You and your doctor decide your care, not an insurance company.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Yes, taxes will go up. But you stop paying for insurance, deductibles, copays, and medical bills. For most people, that adds up to paying less for health care than they do now, with care from birth to end of life.

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