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"National Improved Medicare for All Will Increase the Federal Deficit and Bankrupt the U.S."

THE FACT

No. National Improved Medicare for All will save money, not add to the deficit. The bill (H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) cuts wasteful paperwork and uses proven ways to keep prices under control. The money saved pays to cover everyone in the United States with full benefits and nothing to pay when they get care. The U.S. would spend less than it does today, not more.

HOW IT SAVES MONEY

Today, about one-third of U.S. healthcare spending goes to paperwork and billing, not to care. Here is what changes.

1. **Cut wasteful paperwork.** One simple public program replaces today's patchwork of plans and billing rules.
2. **Set fair prices.** One standard list sets what the program pays for each visit, test, and treatment.
3. **Give hospitals a yearly budget.** Each hospital gets one set amount to run for the year, instead of sending a bill for every service.
4. **Negotiate drug prices.** The program bargains directly with drug companies to bring prices down.
5. **Use what already works.** These are proven ways to control costs, not experiments.

WHERE THE SAVINGS GO

- ✓ **Money goes to care.** Dollars now lost to paperwork are spent on patient care instead.
- ✓ **Everyone is covered.** The money saved goes toward covering every person in the United States.
- ✓ **Full benefits.** Coverage is complete, with all the care that people need.
- ✓ **No bills when you get care.** Nothing comes out of your own pocket when you see a doctor or go to the hospital.
- ✓ **Less spending, not more.** The U.S. would spend less than it does today while meeting the healthcare needs of the whole population.
- ✓ **Care instead of barriers.** Keeping patients away from care costs more than simply providing care to all.

THE BOTTOM LINE

National Improved Medicare for All will not bankrupt the United States. It spends less than we spend today and covers everyone. What we cannot afford is the wasteful system we have now.

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