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I am a physical therapist who treats patients with many different types of insurance coverage, including a large percentage on Medicaid. While there are some downfalls and limitations to the Medicaid coverage (for example, certain diagnosis codes are inexplicably not covered) it provides absolutely crucial access to care for many patients, and in fact, better care and coverage than some of my other patients can afford who do not quite qualify for Medicaid. People with middle-class jobs are caught between, paying incredibly high premiums for practically no coverage at all and absolutely crippling deductibles that often cut care short. Meanwhile as a practitioner I have to constantly spend time jumping through different hoops for different insurance companies and trying to keep track of what I need to do for each, which is a tremendous waste of time. A single payer system would be so much more straightforward to navigate, and give many folks better access to preventative care, if implemented properly.