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### **Health care complicated issue**

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Wow! What a storm the Republicans raised when they finally released their "plan" to replace the Affordable Care Act. I guess they hoped to push it through before anybody noticed that it just made things worse. Too bad.

And yes, the Affordable Care Act is not doing a good job — premiums are going up and up; deductibles and co-pays are going up and up. Fewer people have health care even if they have insurance. But the Republican Plan does nothing to fix that. In fact, it makes things worse: It may allow more "choice" as President Trump says, but the "choices" don't provide more health care.

Everyone needs to realize that "access" and "choice of health insurance plans" do not necessarily equal health care! The devil is in the details. It doesn't matter how low your premium might be if your co-pays and deductibles are sky-high! Maybe "now *is* the time" for improved Medicare for all: publicly financed, privately delivered health care with no co-pays and no deductibles, just an affordable premium based on your ability to pay!

Who knew health care could be so uncomplicated? If you want more information, check the website, "Health Care for All Oregon."