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# Weight Loss and Taxes

To the Editor:

“Health and Money Issues Arise Over Who Pays for Weight Loss” (front page, Sept. 30) makes me want to scream. Instead of using my taxes to pay for corrective surgery, why not pay at the front end? Medicare and other insurers should pay for gym memberships, exercise classes and nutritional counselling for all people. Maybe then good health habits could become the norm and “permanent diets” the prescription for the truly ill.

I know that as soon as Medicare starts paying for the surgery, my private health insurance premiums will rise as well. I will have fewer dollars to pay for my own “good health” program.

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- 1p 1 Which of the following statements reflects or reflect Nancy J. Smeltzer’s opinion?
- Health insurance companies should
- 1 invest in the prevention of obesity.
  - 2 place the cost of treating obesity with the people who suffer from it.
- A Only 1.  
B Only 2.  
C Both 1 and 2.  
D Neither 1 nor 2.