

Luffkin Tex

Sept 17 - 1965

Mr John Dowdy

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and then if we have to go to
the Hospital we have got to
put up the first 50 dollars
and I think the most of our
old folks is like me they
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we get so please and and
tell me what you think about
this insurance I cant get on
the old age pension for I
have tried it all I get is my
S.S. so let me hear from you

[REDACTED]
Luffkin Tex 75901

[Transcription of "Letter from Lufkin with Reply"]

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Lufkin, Tex

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Lufkin, Tex 75901

(questions re medicare plans)

September 20, 1965

[REDACTED]
Lufkin, Texas 75901

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of September 17.

I can certainly appreciate your concern about the medical benefits under social security. There are two plans, and it is confusing. One is the supplementary medical assistance plan, and that is the one that costs \$3.00 a month. This is to help with the doctor bills, in the home, in the doctor's office, or in a clinic. As I understand it, it covers up to 100 home visits under an approved plan each year. It also helps to pay for diagnostic and laboratory tests. Under the plan, the person pays \$3.00 a month, but during the course of the year, the beneficiary would have to pay the first \$50.00 of cost and the medical insurance plan would pay 80% of the reasonable charges for the services. The other plan is the regular hospital insurance, for which there is no insurance charge. There is a provision for 90 days of hospital service, for each spell of illness, at a charge of \$40.00 for the first 60 days, and the next 30 days it would be \$10.00 a day. I am sending you a booklet giving more detailed information on the two plans. If you have additional questions about either of the plans, please let me know, and I will try to get the answers.

I share your concern about the problems facing our nation. You may be assured of my continued efforts to do my best, and I appreciate knowing that you approve of the stands I have taken.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

John Dowdy, M. C.

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