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I work really long hours because there are not enough mental health professionals. And there is a huge need! But, given insurance paperwork, documentation requirements, and current pay levels, the number available per capita is going down.

Hardly a month goes by that I don't save someone's life. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States; for every successful suicide there are 25 attempts; and the cost for this is estimated at \$44 billion a year in the US alone.

Aside from that, I help people be more productive, save good marriages, help end bad ones, help people recover from addictions, and give youth direction.

I prescribe psychoactive meds as needed but managed to get more people living a healthy lifestyle and taking vitamins than I served by medicating.

And, I feel that insurance companies hate me and what other people in mental health do.

I spend approximately one day out of every 5 just doing unnecessary paperwork for insurance companies. That's time I could be saving more people.

Do I think I deserve to be paid as much as a family Doc? Looking at what I do--dealing with people in crisis--I think I deserve more!

Don't get me wrong, I respect Western medicine but... Just but...

Hope you support this bill.

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