

Hello, my name is [REDACTED] I wanted to write in about my recent trip to the hospital. I hope it helps.

I'm 27 years old, fairly healthy, and live in Pittsburgh. I recently fell off my bicycle riding downhill and had to go to the hospital. Half my tooth was shattered, another was displaced and my face needed a lot of stitches. They fixed me up and I recently got the bill which is looking like it'll be over \$30,000. I didn't have insurance at the time as I've been between jobs for a while.

\$27,850 of the bill was 1 or 2 CT scans. They didn't find anything wrong, but it was done just to make sure. I'm not sure if CT scans would be covered under "Laboratory Services", but I hope it would.

Also the dental work that will need to be done will probably also cost at least \$1200 for now and probably much more later. That was after I had bought insurance too. My dentist told me that dental insurance in this country is a joke, so I'd love to see actual dental insurance included on the list of minimum essential health benefits.

I don't know if this will be useful, but healthcare is in a bad place right now, and I want to do something to make it better. So hopefully this helps. I don't want other people to be charged \$30,000 for falling off a bike.