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I sat next to Ex-Governor Elmer Anderson at dinner a few days ago. I inquired about his thoughts on the continuing rapid inflation of the cost of medical care. He replied that people who did these things which tended to keep them healthy should be rewarded. This led to some discussion on how to document health behavior in Wellness programs. Then I asked him what kind of rewards he would suggest for "good behavior" and he replied "money." For example, if you didn't smoke you pay less Social Security Tax.

The conclusion to this conversation was that if Durenberger is re-elected Anderson would be interested in meeting with you and Durenberger - (lunch?) - to discuss the matter further. I imagine that it is too early to seriously propose such a scheme and that it would cost more than the potential savings in the cost of medical care. Furthermore, I can think of a dozen reasons for not doing it. In spite of this, I thought you might be interested in the ideas of an experienced politician.

*Right. That particular idea would work if S.S. were truly insurance & arbitrarily sound. But the incentive idea is sound, & I would indeed enjoy meeting. Durenberger has some knowledge of what we are doing but is interested in economics & not research on Wellness. Thanks*  
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