

# Why Obamacare is important to people on Medicare

Medicare with Obamacare	Medicare without Obamacare								
<p><b>Prescription drugs are cheaper</b> ACA reduced drug costs to close the “donut hole.” 11 million seniors in US saved \$21 billion on prescriptions.</p> 	<p><b>Seniors will pay more for medication.</b> In Wisconsin, 90,300 seniors will lose the ACA savings on prescriptions worth \$94 million</p> 								
 <p><b>Preventive screenings and services are free</b> Under ACA, 39 million seniors have <b>free</b> preventive services - flu shots, screenings for cancer, diabetes, chronic diseases and annual wellness checkups.</p>	<p><b>Seniors will have to pay for preventive services</b> In Wisconsin, 480,000 people with Medicare will have to pay out-of-pocket for screening and prevention.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1188 661 1555 856"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Colonoscopy cost:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Columbia Saint</u></td> <td>\$1,300 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Mary's Hospital</u></td> <td>\$3,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Milwaukee</u></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Colonoscopy cost:</b>		<u>Columbia Saint</u>	\$1,300 -	<u>Mary's Hospital</u>	\$3,400	<u>Milwaukee</u>	
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 <p><b>ACA reduces the cost of Medicare Advantage</b> ACA rules limit private MA insurance companies profits and spending on administration or advertising. This saved Medicare enrollees \$86 billion.</p>	<p><b>Seniors will pay more for Medicare Advantage</b> Without ACA rules, insurance companies can increase profits and spending on non- health care items, so seniors’ premiums go back up.</p> 								
<p><b>ACA savings extended funding for Medicare until 2029</b></p> 	<p><b>Without ACA, Medicare will run out of money much sooner.</b></p> 								

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