

Medicare and The Affordable Care Act Why Seniors Should Care (February 2017)

Medicare coverage is open to all seniors and eligibility is NOT based on health or income. The Affordable Care Act (aka ObamaCare) made several major improvements to Medicare that directly benefit millions of seniors. Some of the Medicare improvements include:

1. Reducing costs of prescription drugs;
2. Maintaining the current age of eligibility;
3. Extending the solvency of Medicare to 2028; and
4. Providing free wellness and preventive services.

If ACA is repealed, these Medicare improvements will DISAPPEAR.

- Premiums may be based on health or income of seniors;
- Seniors will pay more for prescription drugs – the “donut hole” coverage gap will return;
- Eligibility age will likely increase;
- Medicare will not be solvent;
- Free wellness and preventive services will go away; and
- Premiums and other out-of-pocket costs will increase.

Save Medicare

ACTION NEEDED: Call and email your two U.S. Senators and your Congressperson. Tell them: “Please Save Medicare,” “Hands off Medicare,” “Medicare is working for over 50 million people; leave it alone,” “Fine tune Medicare, don’t destroy it,” or “Medicare is one of the most cost-effective health care programs, don’t cut it.”

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