

Medicare Under Attack

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“People have been paying in for years. They’re gonna cut Social Security. They’re gonna cut Medicare. They’re gonna cut Medicaid. I’m the one saying that’s saying I’m not gonna do that!”

Donald Trump

April 20, 2015, Fox News





“Medicare has got some serious problems because of Obamacare. Those things are part of our plan to replace Obamacare.”

Speaker Paul Ryan

November 10, 2016, Fox News





“Medicare is on an unsustainable path which is putting in jeopardy the health and well-being of current and future retirees. ”

Rep. Tom Price

February 28, 2016 press release



Ryan and Price Make Plans

Just before he was named as President-elect Trump's pick to lead HHS, **Rep. Tom Price** said he expects Republicans in the house to **move on Medicare reform “six to eight” months into the Trump administration.**

-November 17, 2016, Talking Points Memo



Ryan & Price Plan to Cut Medicare

- Raises age of eligibility from 65 to 67
- Voucherizes Medicare
- Limits Medigap coverage
- Shifts costs on to beneficiaries



Ryan and Price Plan to cut Medicaid

- Cuts Medicaid funding to states.

Medicaid currently covers 62% of all long-term care services in the United States



What happens to Medicare and Seniors in ACA Repeal?

- Lose drug discounts under the ACA
- Lose free wellness visits & preventive coverage
- Lose protections against pre-existing condition
- Lose protection against rising insurance prices



Medicare Solution



Medicare Drug Savings Act, S. 1083 & H.R. 2005, introduced by Sen. Nelson & Rep. Castor

- Requires drug companies to pay rebates for low-income beneficiaries
- Saves Medicare \$121 billion over 10 years
- Reduces need to shift costs to beneficiaries



Take Action!

- Sign the petition at retiredamericans.org/medicare-action
- Lobby Congress in December
- Call Congress on January 4
- Call White House on January 23

