

THE PROBLEM

PAUL RYAN'S BUDGET PROPOSAL WILL ELIMINATE MEDICARE

Medicare eligible people will receive a voucher, a predetermined amount to purchase private coverage

Recipients will be responsible for the difference between the voucher and the rise in premiums

Since the voucher does not keep up with healthcare spending coverage will be unaffordable

This will force seniors and beneficiaries onto the private market to purchase insurance

Those 55 and under would not be eligible for traditional Medicare

The age of eligibility for Medicare will "increase by two months per year" until it reaches 67



PAUL RYAN'S PROPOSAL WILL WEAKEN MEDICAID

Eliminates the existing matching-grant financing structure of Medicaid in 2013

Instead, each state will receive a pre-determined block grant

According to the CBO, States would be forced to reduce their spending, lower the size of their Medicaid programs "by cutting payment rates for doctors, hospitals, or nursing homes; reducing the scope of benefits covered; or limiting eligibility"

THESE CHANGES IMPACT THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR POPULATION, WHILE THE RICH CONTINUE TO RECEIVE TAX BREAKS

THE SOLUTION

IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL WILL SOLVE OUR HEALTHCARE CRISIS AND IMPROVE OUR ECONOMY

- A study published in June, 2009 found that 62 percent of personal bankruptcies in the U.S. were due to medical costs.

- Nearly 80 percent of those who became bankrupt due to medical costs had health insurance.

- In a single-payer system, all medically necessary care is covered throughout the life of the patient.

- People pay into the system based on their ability to pay.

- People would no longer lose the coverage with the loss of employment.

- There would no longer be higher charges based on age, gender or medical condition.

A national single-payer health system will create conditions that will stimulate our economy

- For small businesses, single payer means relief from the increasing burden of providing health benefits to employees.

- Single payer ends job-lock, providing greater security for those who may choose to open their own businesses.

- Single payer enables those who are staying in jobs until they are eligible for Medicare to retire early, which opens jobs for those who are younger.

- By controlling rising health care costs, single payer will allow large businesses to be more competitive in the global market.

Rather than cutting our important social insurance programs, Congress could address both our healthcare crisis and our federal deficit woes by improving and expanding Medicare to all people in our nation

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

CALL CONGRESS AT (202) 224-3121
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