



# How will ObamaCare change my Medicare?

*ObamaCare will make severe cuts to Medicare and create a government rationing board that will restrict access to certain treatments.*

## A Program in Trouble

Even before the passage of ObamaCare, Medicare was in trouble. The program faces a \$79 trillion unfunded liability. The average couple pays \$140,000 into Medicare during their working years, but later receives three times that amount in benefits. Furthermore, Baby Boomers are starting to retire, and this means millions of new enrollees on Medicare. There aren't enough doctors either, because Medicare reimburses doctors at such low rates. ObamaCare does nothing to address this, but instead makes \$451 billion in cuts to Medicare, and uses those savings to pay for other parts of the health reform.

## Health Care Rationing

ObamaCare created a new 15-member board called the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB). This board will be appointed by the President (not elected), and confirmed by the Senate to serve six-year terms. The task of this board will be to lower the per capita growth rate of Medicare spending. To do this, they will make one-size-fits-all decisions about which treatments should be covered, and which ones are not "cost-effective." This will result in the rationing of health care. Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage) will be greatly affected.

## The Future of the Program

A bipartisan group in Congress is working to repeal IPAB because they see the terrible effects it will have on Medicare. But even if they are successful, Medicare still faces problems. We need Medicare reform that goes in the other direction, and allows seniors to make more health care decisions for themselves. Individuals and their doctors know best what kind of treatments they need - not government bureaucrats.

## So Ask Your Member of Congress...

- Would you support a repeal of the IPAB, or the Medicare rationing board?
- What do you think we should do to fix the Medicare program?
- How will you work to empower seniors to make their own health decisions?
- Do you think that the IPAB, or the Medicare rationing board, is representative of ObamaCare's one-size-fits-all approach to health care?
- What will you do to stop health care rationing from happening to seniors in the U.S.?
- Have you signed the ObamaCare Repeal Pledge at

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