

PRESIDENT TRUMP ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER TO EXPAND OPTIONS AND LOWER COSTS FOR SENIORS

Medicare currently covers about 60 million Americans with about a third covered under Medicare Advantage. These successful programs have supplemented traditional Medicare with private coverage in order to increase choice and expand access. While House Republicans and the Trump Administration have expanded the services that Medicare Advantage plans cover, including dental, hearing, and vision, only a limited number of these plans have been available in rural areas. The Trump Administration's Executive Order yesterday marks an important step in expanding access to care for all seniors, regardless of geographic barriers.

The order is aimed at improving the lives of our nation's seniors by expanding the use of telemedicine, which will bring high-quality physicians directly to the patient using innovative technology. In some of our nation's most rural areas, telemedicine could be a life-saving tool for seniors who have limited access to resources.

The order also builds on the Republican pledge to ensure that each American has the freedom to choose a healthcare plan that fits their needs. By expanding the use of health savings accounts, seniors can now contribute to their own medical expenses without the threat of having their Social Security revoked. This key reform will not only improve patient choice, but also increase the solvency of the Medicare program, allowing us to keep the promises we have made to our retirees.

Protecting our nation's seniors should not be a partisan issue. Unfortunately, House Democrats continue to push for socialized care that will rob Americans on Medicare and drastically cut access to life-saving treatments and programs. Medicare-for-All will end all private insurance programs, including Medicare Advantage, placing seniors in the back of the line when care is inevitably rationed.

Below is more information on the executive order:



PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S HEALTHCARE AGENDA PUTS SENIORS AND AMERICAN PATIENTS FIRST

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“We will not rest until Americans have the healthcare system they need and deserve, a system that finally puts American patients first.”
- President Donald J. Trump

PUTTING AMERICAN PATIENTS FIRST:

Since the beginning of his Administration, President Trump has put patients first so every American has the highest quality of healthcare in the world.

- *Making healthcare more affordable by lowering out of control prescription drug prices and making new affordable healthcare options available.*
- *Putting patients in control of their healthcare by finally providing transparency and choice so every American can choose the care that fits their needs.*
- *Unleashing American innovation to provide new treatment options for patients living with disease.*

PUTTING AMERICAN SENIORS FIRST:

President Trump is taking action to protect and improve the Medicare system for America's seniors.

- *President Trump is signing a new Executive Order to improve seniors' healthcare and improve the fiscal sustainability of Medicare. The order will advance policies that:*
 - *Empower patients by giving them more plan choices, more access to telehealth and new therapies, and more time with providers.*
 - *Streamline the approval of therapies, while reducing obstacles to improved patient care.*
 - *Improve quality by implementing reforms that better link payments to value.*
 - *Protect beneficiaries by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse.*
 - *Maximize freedom for Medicare patients and providers by reducing regulatory burdens and eliminating unnecessary barriers.*
- *President Trump is putting seniors first by strengthening the Medicare system and helping ensure the program's availability for years to come.*
 - *Medicare-for-All bills proposed by Democrats in Congress threaten to end the Medicare program as we know it and eliminate choice for America's seniors.*
 - *Seniors are overwhelmingly satisfied with their Medicare coverage and President Trump will stand up to protect it.*
- *This order will improve the ability of seniors to make choices about their insurance, helping them access the best healthcare providers and the latest innovative therapies.*

PROTECTING VULNERABLE AMERICANS:

President Trump is committed to protecting vulnerable American patients and families.

- The President has reaffirmed that protecting Americans with preexisting conditions is fundamental to his healthcare agenda.
- President Trump is committed to ending surprise billing so no American is ever blindsided by medical bills for services they never agreed to.
- The President has put forward principles on surprise billing to ensure patients are not taken advantage of and have the information they need to make informed decisions.
 - o More than two-thirds of Americans worry about unexpected medical bills, according to a 2018 poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

PROVIDING AFFORDABLE OPTIONS:

By lowering costs, President Trump is making sure every American can afford high quality healthcare.

- Last year, President Trump released a historic blueprint to drive down drug prices.
- Medicare Advantage premiums will drop next year to their lowest level since 2007, a 28 percent decrease since 2017.
- Medicare Part D premiums next year will be their lowest in the last 7 years.
- Prescription drug prices fell in 2018 for the first year in nearly five decades.
- The Food and Drug Administration approved a record number of generic drugs in 2017 and 2018 that will improve competition and drive down prices.
 - o New generic drug approvals saved consumers \$26 billion through the first year and a half of President Trump's Administration.
- The Trump Administration laid the foundation to start importing certain prescription drugs that are cheaper in other countries.

PUTTING PATIENTS IN CONTROL:

President Trump is making sure patients control their own healthcare by empowering them to make informed decisions and giving them more choices.

- The number of Medicare Advantage plans available to our seniors has increased by nearly 1,200 over the last two years.
- President Trump is working to expand Association Health Plans, which make it easier for employers to join together and offer more affordable health coverage to their employees.
- Through Health Reimbursement Arrangements, employers will be able to help their employees pay for the cost of insurance that they select in the individual market.
- The Administration expanded the availability of short-term, limited duration plans, which offer flexible coverage options and can be up to 60 percent cheaper than Obamacare plans.
- President Trump is working to ensure hospitals cannot hide prices for their services, requiring them to publicize more data and put quality and price information into patients' hands.
- The President signed legislation ending "gag" clauses that prevented pharmacists from providing patients with information about lower cost options.
- President Trump signed legislation ending Obamacare's individual mandate penalty, which forced many Americans to buy health plans they did not want.
- The Trump Administration is working to provide electronic health records to patients by requiring providers to give patients their data.

ENSURING HIGH QUALITY CARE:

President Trump is working to promote innovative solutions and expand treatment options for Americans living with disease.

- *President Trump launched an effort to improve kidney health and treatment in America, giving hope to the over 30 million Americans afflicted with kidney disease.*
- *The Administration has significantly increased funding for opioid and pain research and is supporting research for a vaccine to prevent opioid addiction.*
 - o *Drug overdose deaths declined nationally last year for the first time in decades.*
- *President Trump signed into law \$1 billion in increased Alzheimer's research funding, reflecting his commitment to finding a cure.*
- *The Trump Administration is working to encourage new, innovative approaches to treating childhood cancer.*
- *President Trump signed Right to Try legislation to give terminally ill patients the ability to access potentially lifesaving cures.*
- *The President launched an initiative to eliminate the HIV epidemic in the United States within 10 years*

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP STANDS AGAINST THE LIES OF MEDICARE-FOR-NONE

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“We have to reject the socialist model that rations care, restricts access, slashes quality, and forces patients onto endless waitlists. Instead, we believe in freedom. We believe in choice. We believe in the highest standard of care in the world – anywhere in the world.” – President Donald. J. Trump

RESISTING THE LIES OF SOCIALIZED MEDICINE:

President Donald J. Trump will never allow the left’s radical Medicare-for-All to destroy the American healthcare system.

- *The radical far left continues to push a socialist takeover of our healthcare system and lie to the American people about the devastating impact it would have.*
- *Congressional Democrats want to eliminate private health insurance, taking away your healthcare plans and doctors.*
- *Congressional Democrats want to control every aspect of your health decisions, giving power to the federal government to decide who lives and who dies.*
- *Since his inauguration, President Trump and his Administration have rejected calls for government controlled healthcare and vowed to never allow socialized medicine in America.*

REPEATING THE LIES OF OBAMACARE:

The American people were lied to about Obamacare and now the far left is lying about their radical government healthcare takeover, Medicare-for-All.

- *Over and over, Americans were told they would be able to keep their preferred healthcare plans and doctors under Obamacare.*
 - *President Obama: “If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. If you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan.”*
 - *The fact is Americans were lied to as Obamacare caused millions of Americans to lose their healthcare coverage and physicians.*
- *Americans were promised that Obamacare would reduce healthcare premiums by \$2,500.*
 - *President Obama: “We’ll lower premiums by up to \$2,500 for a typical family per year...by the end of my first term as president.”*
 - *The truth was that healthcare insurance premiums were about to skyrocket, doubling between 2013 and 2017.*
- *Now, Congressional Democrats are pushing a radical Medicare-for-All proposal that will eliminate private insurance, remove choice, and raise costs.*
 - *They insist it is affordable when in reality the price tag Americans will pay for Medicare-for-All would reach \$32 trillion, according to experts.*

ENDANGERING OUR SENIORS:

Medicare-for-All would rob millions of seniors of their current benefits, restrict them from purchasing supplemental insurance, and put their lives at risk.

- *Congressional Democrats' Medicare-for-All plan would effectively end Medicare and take away the Medicare Advantage plans enjoyed by millions of seniors.*
 - o *Their plan would force 24 million seniors to lose their Medicare Advantage coverage.*
 - o *Seniors' option to purchase private supplemental coverage will disappear as private insurance is phased out.*
- *Their plan would subject the elderly to long waiting times, force them to stop seeing the doctors they like, and threaten their ability to receive the care they need.*
- *President Trump is fighting for senior citizens, ensuring they receive quality healthcare through Medicare and have the ability to keep the plans they want.*

TAKING CHOICE AWAY FROM AMERICANS:

President Trump is expanding choice while Congressional Democrats are attempting to control every aspect of your healthcare.

- *Medicare-for-All eliminates private insurance, taking away all choice and forcing millions of Americans onto government controlled plans.*
 - o *It would reduce patient choice to a single provider of healthcare, forcing over 180 million Americans off their private coverage.*
- *Congressional Democrats want to give the Government control over which procedures are "medically necessary or appropriate for maintenance of health," taking decisions about your care out of your hands.*
- *President Trump believes in a healthcare system where Americans are able to make the healthcare decisions that are right for them.*
 - o *The Trump Administration has worked to expand multiple new coverage choices for small businesses, workers, and families.*

MEDICARE-FOR-NONE:

Medicare-for-All would force patients to face massive wait times for treatments and destroy access to quality care.

- *Congressional Democrats' radical government takeover of your healthcare would increase your wait times, ration quality care, and stifle innovation.*
 - o *In the United Kingdom, hospital death rates have been reported to be far higher than in the United States.*
 - o *In the United Kingdom, which has a single payer system, 50,000 procedures were cancelled when their National Health Service decided they were "non-urgent."*
 - o *Millions of patients have had to wait in long lines to be admitted for surgeries in the United Kingdom.*
 - o *In 2018, more than one million Canadians were on waiting lists for medical procedures.*
- *President Trump is working to promote new innovations, expand access to high quality care, and protect vulnerable patients.*