

Rep. Ryan's Medicare Plan: Déjà Vu (Again)

The House Republican's budget and Medicare proposals are out today... and we've heard this before. The language has changed, but the impact on Medicare is the same – shifting huge costs to older and disabled Americans and their families while lining the pockets of private insurance corporations. [Make your voice heard now – contact your Senators and Representatives and say NO!](http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/777/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=9917)
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This rerun's new catch phrase, "premium support," is the latest way to make you think this extreme policy will help American families.

It couldn't be further from the truth.

Yet again the Republican plan would dismantle Medicare and instead hand older and disabled people a voucher toward the cost of private insurance. It's not a new or creative idea, and it will actually add more costs to families and to our nation's bottom line.

While claiming to "preserve" Medicare, the plan would actually imperil the community program and shift much of the costs to the very people it is supposed to help. As private plans aggressively court the healthiest and least costly beneficiaries, the traditional Medicare program would be left with an ever dwindling pool of beneficiaries – those who are too sick and poor to purchase private insurance with the help of Mr. Ryan's coupon.

In time, Medicare will "wither on the vine," as those who oppose the program have long intended. Like last year's proposal from Mr. Ryan and last week's proposal from Senate Republicans, this plan does nothing to really preserve Medicare or to solve our nation's skyrocketing healthcare costs. It only slams those costs onto individuals who can least afford them: older and disabled Americans, while jeopardizing their health coverage, adding profits to corporations, and letting millionaires off the hook.

You Can Help Avoid A Catastrophic End To Medicare By Taking Action Today!

1. [Contact your Senators and Representatives today and tell them that you value traditional Medicare, and won't let it "wither on the vine."](#)
1. Help fuel the fight to save Medicare!

The assault against Medicare and the people it serves is well underway. The time to act is now. You can help preserve Medicare and protect those who need it.

[Your financial support today will help ensure a full, fair, and effective Medicare –for today, and tomorrow.](#)

Thank you for your help in this important fight.
Sincerely,
Judith Stein