







BAD DEAL FOR SENIORS, BAD DEAL FOR MEDICARE

SWEET DEAL FOR BIG DRUG COMPANIES

Keeps Drug Prices High and Drug Company CEOs Smiling	 <p>Prohibits Medicare from negotiating better prices, and blocks re-importation of drugs from other countries at lower prices.</p>
Causes 2 to 3 Million Seniors to Lose Retiree Drug Coverage	 <p>Creates incentives for employers to drop retiree coverage.</p>
Coerces Seniors Into HMOs and Increases Medicare Premiums	 <p>Plan purports to be “voluntary” – but forces millions of seniors to pay more for Medicare if they don’t give up their doctor and join an HMO.</p>
Forces Up to 6 Million Seniors to Pay More for Medicine	 <p>Forces 6 million low-income seniors who get additional assistance from Medicaid to pay more for their prescriptions; imposes an unfair assets test that disqualifies seniors if they have modest savings.</p>
Huge Coverage Gap Leaves Half of Seniors Without Coverage for Part of Every Year	 <p>Even though the bill requires seniors to pay premiums year-round, its \$2,800 gap in coverage hurts the middle class and leaves many seniors without coverage for part of the year.</p>
Takes \$6 Billion Needed for Retiree Coverage and Spends it on Tax Breaks for Wealthy	 <p>Creates new \$6 billion health savings accounts for the wealthy that undermines employer coverage and adds to the number of uninsured.</p>