



**The America's Healthy Future Act
Improving Medicare for America's Seniors**

Seniors have relied on Medicare for more than four decades. The America's Healthy Future Act strengthens Medicare, improves benefits and guarantees seniors can depend on Medicare for years to come. Under the America's Healthy Future Act, seniors can both keep the benefits they have and receive additional benefits, such as free preventive care and better coordination of chronic illnesses, and seniors will have access to lower prescription drug prices. The Chairman's Mark would make Medicare a better, stronger program.

- **Paying for Health Care Reform without Cutting Benefits or Adding to the Federal Deficit** - The America's Healthy Future Act does not cut benefits in the Medicare Program. Instead, it increases benefits and strengthens the program to ensure Medicare's sustainability for years to come. It also reduces federal spending by making our system more efficient, aggressively targeting waste, fraud and abuse, and reducing the cost of caring for the uninsured.
- **Decreasing Prescription Drug Costs for Seniors** - The America's Healthy Future Act gives seniors enrolled in the Medicare Prescription drug program a 50 percent discount on brand-name drugs they buy in the so-called "doughnut hole," or the gap between initial and catastrophic coverage. Today, seniors are responsible for the total cost of drugs in this gap. This new discount will help seniors maintain their prescribed treatments and keep money in their pockets.
- **Covering the Costs of Annual Prevention and Wellness Visits** - The America's Healthy Future Act provides seniors with free annual wellness visits under Medicare. These visits will give seniors a chance to develop personalized prevention plans with their doctors to address health conditions and other risk factors for disease, before they become difficult and costly to treat.
- **Removing Financial Barriers to Preventive Care** - The America's Healthy Future Act will eliminate out-of-pocket costs for recommended preventive care and screenings like mammographies.
- **Providing Better Care for Chronically Ill Seniors** - The America's Healthy Future Act gives states incentives to create "health homes" for chronically-ill seniors. A health home would serve as a command center for senior care, ensuring seniors with multiple health care needs get all the appropriate care. Seniors who choose to participate will receive comprehensive care coordination and management, transitional care and, if relevant, referral to community-based programs and social services.
- **Encouraging Seniors' Doctors to Work Together** - The America's Healthy Future Act would encourage all doctors and health care providers treating a patient to work together to better serve that patient's needs and care and reduce wasteful care like repeated tests. Health care providers will receive incentives to coordinate care across a range of health care settings – from the hospital to home – to ensure the best health outcomes for seniors.

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- **Helping Seniors Compare the Quality of Medicare Nursing Homes** - The America's Healthy Future Act would improve Medicare's existing "Nursing Home Compare" website by providing more information about nursing homes including medical staff data, certification information, and substantiated complaint investigations.
- **Improving Payments to Keep Doctors in Medicare** - Next year, doctors that treat Medicare enrollees are scheduled to get a 22 percent cut in federal payments. The America's Healthy Future Act replaces the impending cut with a payment increase, so doctors can continue to serve their Medicare patients.

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