

How Seniors' Choice Act Builds on Bipartisan Proposals

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will be insolvent in 2022. However, under a worst case scenario outlined by the Actuary of the Medicare program, the trust fund could be insolvent as soon as 2016.

Sens. Burr and Coburn have offered the *Seniors' Choice Act* as a proposal designed to keep the promise to America's seniors by building a stronger, more sustainable Medicare program. Their goal is to advance bipartisan solutions to encourage an honest conversation among lawmakers and stakeholders on how to put Medicare on sustainable path.

Seniors' Choice Act – Key Policies	Similar Policies in Other Proposals
Adopts New Out-of-Pocket Protection	National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Lieberman-Coburn Bipartisan Medicare Proposal
Income-Relating for Wealthy Seniors Incremental Premium Increases	Lieberman-Coburn Bipartisan Medicare Proposal President's FY2013 Budget included income-relating premiums
Changes to Medigap	National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform Lieberman-Coburn Bipartisan Medicare Proposal President's FY2013 Budget
Increases to the Age of Eligibility	Lieberman-Coburn Bipartisan Medicare Proposal
Short-term SGR "Freeze"	Lieberman-Coburn Bipartisan Medicare Proposal National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform
Premium Support	Rivlin-Domenici's "Protect Medicare Act" Rivlin-Ryan's "Long-Term Plan for Medicare" Wyden-Ryan's "Guaranteed Choices to Strengthen Medicare" Breaux-Thomas and the National Medicare Commission