



The Cost of Inaction is Too High...

If we reform health insurance...

- **Prescription drugs would cost less** through bulk discounts from the manufacturer, greater help for low-income seniors, more flexibility in changing drug plans, and the closing of the “donut hole” that gives the insurance companies their full premiums even when they are not giving you any benefits.
- **Americans age 55-64 could afford to see a doctor** by joining Medicare early.
- **Long-Term Care would be more affordable** through help of up to \$100 per day for middle-class families.
- **Out-of-control premium increases at the big insurance companies would end** because of fair competition from a high-quality public alternative to corporations who profit by denying care and discriminate people with pre-existing conditions.
- **Retirees would have the chance to become healthier** because of no co-pays for Medicare preventive services such as check-ups and cancer screenings.

If we do not...

- **One-third of your Social Security could go to Medicare premiums** and out-of-pocket costs.
- **Private insurers will continue to discriminate** against you because of your health.
- **A couple would need \$300,000 for medical bills** not covered by Medicare.
- **Doctors may refuse to treat Medicare patients** because of upcoming cuts.

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