

## Alliance Clips and Retiree News January 17, 2012

### **Alliance Mentions**

Learn About Senior Health Benefits

January 13, 2012

Wausau Daily Herald

Wausau, WI

The Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans and Know Your Care Wisconsin will hold an information session spotlighting the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This session seeks to inform the public about the preventative care benefits now available free under the ACA. The meeting will be held Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Marathon Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20120114/WDH0101/201140565/Learn-about-senior-health-benefits?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

Protect Programs that Protect Seniors

January 12, 2012

The Times-Tribune

Scranton, PA

Alliance member Robert D. Dougherty submitted a letter to the editor reminding seniors to be grateful for the ACA as well as vigilant in regards to the proposed policies that continue to threaten healthcare and social security. He stresses that “baby boomers should use their votes to address [these] potential problem[s].”

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/letters/letters-to-the-editor-1-12-2012-1.1256413#axzz1jjIYSDP4>

Senior Groups Blast “Right To Work”

Mike Corbin

January 10, 2012

WIBC 93.1FM

Indianapolis, IN

The Indiana Alliance for Retired Americans along with Hoosiers First and United Senior Action are combining their efforts and uniting against the Right To Work issue. The coalition asserts that the pending legislation will hurt unions, pensions, and dependents of workers. John Cardwell, president of Hoosiers First, states that many seniors now fear “for their benefits, investment portfolios, Social Security, and Medicare.”

<http://www.wibc.com/news/Story.aspx?ID=1637387>

Benefit Barriers  
Cienna Madrid  
January 10, 2012  
The Stranger  
Seattle, WA

Many seniors concerned with their Social Security benefits now have to navigate through several new checkpoints to access the new Social Security Administration (SSA) offices. Many of these checkpoints include X-rays, metal detectors, state or federal identification, and pat-downs by Homeland Security officers. The main issue is that the new security measures will discourage marginalized populations from seeking their benefits.

<http://www.thestranger.com/seattle/benefit-barriers/Content?oid=11589427>

## **Politics**

In Scott Walker recall, Wisconsin Dems tout 1 million recall signatures  
MJ Lee  
January 17, 2012  
Politico

One million signatures were submitted in the effort to force a recall election of Gov. Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Democratic Party announced Tuesday.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0112/71548.html>

## **Health Care**

Force Drug Companies to Disclose Payments to Doctors  
Robert Pear  
January 16, 2012  
New York Times

The Obama administration demands that drug firms now disclose their financial records showing payments to doctors. These records should include but are not limited to, research, consulting, speaking, travel, and entertainment monies paid on behalf of or directly to doctors.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/17/health/policy/us-to-tell-drug-makers-to-disclose-payments-to-doctors.html?\\_r=2&ref=todayspaper](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/17/health/policy/us-to-tell-drug-makers-to-disclose-payments-to-doctors.html?_r=2&ref=todayspaper)