



Medicare Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

July marks the 54th anniversary of Medicare. It has improved the lives of millions of retirees like me. Before Medicare, only half of our nation's seniors had health insurance. When uninsured seniors had serious health problems, they faced an impossible choice: risk financial ruin by seeking necessary care or avoid treatment altogether and watch their health deteriorate. Thanks to Medicare, nearly all of our nation's seniors now have guaranteed health coverage.

However, as good as Medicare is, we can do better. Medicare spends billions on prescription drugs for retirees. Yet it cannot use its massive bargaining power to negotiate lower prices with the pharmaceutical corporations. Congress should pass a law allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prices from the drug corporations, like the Veterans Administration and Medicaid do today, and save taxpayers more than \$1 billion a year.

We owe it to future generations to keep the Medicare program strong and healthy. Allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices on behalf of the American people would definitely strengthen it, and save the taxpayer billions.

Sincerely Yours,

(Name, Alliance position) (Address)