

# STOP “VOUCHERCARE” PRESERVE MEDICARE

## *Our Promise to America’s Seniors*

Republicans in Congress, led by Tea Party extremists, want to end Medicare and replace it with “**Vouchercare**”, a plan to reduce benefits and increase costs for Georgia Seniors.

**FACT:** Instead of guaranteed Medicare benefits, **Vouchercare** requires a “voucher” that leaves Seniors at the mercy of big insurance companies. This voucher will lose value over time, as insurance companies siphon increasingly larger profits from Medicare.

**FACT:** Under **Vouchercare**, Seniors will pay significantly more for health coverage. A typical 65 year-old, already paying over \$5000 a year for out of pocket expenses, would pay \$7,000 a year more for expenses than under the current Medicare program.

**FACT:** **Vouchercare** would end Medicare as we know it for millions of Americans, raising premiums for Seniors and forcing them into private plans. We cannot allow Republicans to deprive Georgia Seniors of vital benefits, only so insurance companies can increase profits.

For decades, Democrats have fought to defend Medicare and honor our commitment to Georgia Seniors, ensuring they have the care they need for a healthy and dignified retirement.

**FACT:** Seniors on Medicare are overwhelmingly happy with the current program. Medicare will face challenges in the coming years, but these can be addressed by sensible reform, not radical schemes to dismantle the most successful health care program in US history.

**FACT:** Some reforms have already been enacted through the Affordable Care Act, including:

- Closing the prescription donut hole, saving seniors \$250
- Ensuring affordable access to preventive care
- Cutting overpayments to insurance companies

**FACT:** Medicare remains the most efficient health insurance program available; 95 cents of every Medicare dollar goes directly to services. For private health insurance companies, only 65 cents of every dollar goes to provide health care services.

Republicans in Congress are calling for reduced benefits and higher costs to Seniors. It's time to stop making those who can afford it the least, sacrifice the most. Tell Republicans in Congress to **STOP VOUCHERCARE**.

**Take action now.** Go to [www.GeorgiaDems.org](http://www.GeorgiaDems.org) or call (678) 278-2012 to get involved.

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