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# U.S. Rep. Bill Posey

## Protecting Florida Seniors from Huge Cuts to Medicare

Dear 15th District Neighbor,

It is a pleasure to serve as your United States Representative. Direct two-way communication with my constituents is important; a reply card is attached that you can use to provide your thoughts on the health care debate and on other issues before Congress. Also, please visit my website [www.posey.house.gov](http://www.posey.house.gov) where you can send an email and learn more about my work in Washington on your behalf. I welcome your comments on legislation. Also, my staff and I are always available to help you with problems you may be having with Medicare, Social Security, Veterans benefits, or other federal agencies.

Thank you for your time, and please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,  
**Bill**

### Health Care Update:

Since earlier this summer Congress has had health care reform on its "radar screen." Legislation drafted by the majority, which will soon come to the House and Senate floor for a vote, will significantly change the health care most Americans have today. The changes are expected to be broad in scope, very expensive, and are likely to adversely impact Medicare – and Medicare recipients.



Rep. Posey welcomes your thoughts on issues that affect you!

(Y for YES or N for NO)

Please send me electronic newsletters/timely updates on issues before Congress.

My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe the Congressional Majority's health care reform will:

Force deep cuts in Medicare \_\_\_\_\_

Raise your taxes/cost you money \_\_\_\_\_

Reduce your quality of care \_\_\_\_\_

Force doctors to drop patients \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe Congress should:

Cut Federal Spending/Lower Taxes \_\_\_\_\_

Enact National Energy Tax \_\_\_\_\_

Create a Government Health Care Option \_\_\_\_\_

Protect Traditional Moral Values \_\_\_\_\_

Stop Illegal Immigration/Secure the Border \_\_\_\_\_

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# Health Care Reform Bills' Impacts to Medicare

## Choice for Seniors Would Be Eliminated

There has been considerable talk about letting Americans keep the health care they have today, including assurances from Congressional leaders and the White House.

Unfortunately, **as many as 100 million Americans could be forced to give up their current health care plan,**

according to an independent study. Even the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office's "Health Care Budget Options" report estimates that cuts of the level proposed would result in millions of seniors losing the Medicare Advantage plan. Seniors who move out of MA plans back to traditional Medicare will likely see cost increases of more than \$1,000.

**Rep. Posey opposes this plan** because many seniors cannot afford this change.

## Access to Care Would Be Undermined

The House bill (H.R. 3200) would **cut more than \$400 billion from Medicare.** Yet, many Florida seniors already have difficulty getting an appointment to see a doctor. Further cuts in health care provider payments will make it harder for communities like ours with a high percentage of seniors to attract good physicians.



15th District seniors share their thoughts with Rep. Posey.

## Quality Care Would Be Threatened

**Rep. Posey is standing up against those in Washington who are singling out seniors to foot the bill for nationalized health care.** He has been a part of the effort to block the creation of a new Independent Medicare Advisory Committee (IMAC). The IMAC was proposed by the Administration as a means of essentially bypassing Congress to impose further Medicare cuts down the road.

As Congressional leaders seek to create a program with an acknowledged deficit of \$1.5 trillion, Rep. Posey believes these "start-up" cuts are the first of many more to come.

## Rep. Posey's Seniors Checklist

- ✓ **Block Social Security Payments to Illegal Immigrants** – Cosponsored H.R. 2287, *No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act*. This bill would block the Administration from signing an agreement with Mexico that would allow illegal immigrants to receive Social Security.
- ✓ **Stop Part B Premium Increase for 2010** – On Sept. 24, he voted to pass H.R. 3631 which will freeze Medicare Part B premiums.
- ✓ **Protect Seniors' Health Care Choices** – More than 40,000 seniors in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District have chosen a Medicare Advantage health plan, and they should be allowed to keep it.
- ✓ **Continue to Oppose the National Energy Tax** – This would be devastating for seniors living on fixed incomes, would cost America 2.5 million jobs, and could result in several trillion dollars in losses to our economy – seriously affecting the stock markets and the value of retirement accounts.
- ✓ **Oppose Plans That Cut Medicare and Spend the Money Elsewhere** – The House health care reform bill would cut \$400 billion from Medicare and should be rejected.
- ✓ **Make America Safe and Secure** – As a Member of the Immigration Reform Caucus, he cosponsored a number of bills to keep our borders secure.
- ✓ **Lower Taxes on Social Security Benefits** – Rep. Posey cosponsored legislation to eliminate double taxation of Social Security benefits.
- ✓ **Retirement Recovery** – He opposes bills that put the U.S. at a competitive disadvantage and cause U.S. job losses. A strong economy will help retirement savings recover.
- ✓ **Protect Social Security Benefit** – In response to the news from the Administration that there would be no Social Security COLA for 2010, Rep. Posey cosponsored H.R. 3691, extending through 2010 a special \$250 annual payment.

There are shortcomings in our current health care system, and Rep. Posey has embraced solutions to the problems of the uninsured *without* cutting Medicare, *without* forcing Americans into a government-run system, and *without* eroding the doctor-patient relationship. For more details, visit [www.posey.house.gov/issues](http://www.posey.house.gov/issues).

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