

# Bill Posey's Message on Medicare: Consider Coverage Options

Dear Friend,

**This year's open enrollment period for Medicare is earlier than usual: October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>.** I want to take this opportunity to share with you information that you may find helpful.

During the open enrollment period, many seniors take advantage of the opportunity to examine their current coverage and evaluate their Medicare choices. There are opportunities to save money and improve coverage. Some of the optional changes to your coverage that you may wish to consider during this period are:

- Changes to or from a Medicare Advantage Plan, or select a different one that better meets your needs
- Joining a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan
- Switching from one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to another Medicare Prescription Drug Plan



Medicare can assist you in choosing the plan that best meets your needs. Medicare provides information, counseling and assistance in regards to plans and benefits. Seniors, family members and caregivers can ask questions and learn more about Medicare by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or by visiting Medicare's website at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Also, the *Florida Shine* program is available to assist seniors in making decisions that best meet their needs. They can be reached at 1-800-963-5337 or [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).

As I have spoken with seniors across East-Central Florida there is one consistent message: Protect and preserve Medicare and Social Security for current and future retirees. I agree, and my priorities are as follows:

- **Protecting and Preserving Medicare for Florida's Seniors.** I am committed to making sure that there are *no Medicare changes* for seniors at or near retirement, and I voted against the \$500 billion cut in Medicare that was a part of the President's health care bill.
- **Protecting and Preserving Social Security for Florida's Seniors.** Social Security is a *contract* between the federal government and those who have paid into Social Security, and it *should not be broken*. Social Security must be preserved and protected for this and future generations of retirees. There are no plans being considered in Congress to change this.
- **The Social Security Check Guarantee Act (H.R. 2581).** I introduced H.R. 2581 to *guarantee* that Social Security checks be sent regardless of whether Washington passes a budget on time.

Please do not hesitate to call if we may assist you in any way. We can be reached at 321-632-1776 or [www.posey.house.gov](http://www.posey.house.gov). It is an honor to serve you in the Congress.

Bill

An Important Message from Representative Bill Posey concerning **Medicare's Open Enrollment Period**



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- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227)
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In choosing the plan that best fits your need, the following resources can be most helpful to seniors, family members and caregivers:

- Medicare Advantage Plan
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D)

This open enrollment period offers an opportunity to save money or improve coverage. Before the December 7<sup>th</sup> deadline, for instance, you can join or change your:

**Rep. Posey wants to know your views!**

What statement best represents your views regarding Medicare? The best way to save Medicare for future generations is to:

- Reform the system for future and current beneficiaries.  Reform the system only for those under 55.  Make no changes.  
 Raise taxes.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that over-regulation is harming our economic and job recovery?  YES  NO  Unsure

My idea for getting the economy moving again is to \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support repeal of the President Obama's New Health Care Law?  YES  NO  Unsure

Do you support passage of a Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment?  YES  NO  Unsure

Budget Survey (check all that apply)

- Cut Federal spending.  Cutting taxes will stimulate economic growth.  
 Economic growth is a key to balancing the budget.  Raise taxes.

Cut spending in the following area: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: Your e-mail address will not be shared with anyone else.)

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to participate in future telephone townhall meetings. Phone number: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to receive periodic e-mail updates on issues from Rep. Posey.