

2024 RISE Fundraising Campaign

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.” (Max Lucado)

We hate having to ask for more money, considering how supportive you already have been – but the bullheaded Carney Administration leaves us no choice.

THE CARNEY ADMINISTRATION’S UNYIELDING FIGHT TO THE DEATH

Our wonderful and well-founded Order from the Superior Court in October 2022 – staying the Administration from dumping us into Medicare Advantage – remains in place. During this stay, the legislative arena operated over the last year to ensure that our next healthcare contract will be for an original Medicare supplement just like the great Medicfill plan we have now. No Medicare Advantage!

This real-world victory should have been the end. But Administration officials are determined - come hell or high water - to drag us at great expense through the Delaware Supreme Court in their retributive and pointless appeal of the Stay Order. So, we must raise money to pay for our great appellate lawyer to fight.

In addition, we must pay the substantial remaining debt owed the dedicated Superior Court law firms who achieved our Superior Court victory. While we have asked the Court to require the State to pay RISE’s attorney fees, there is no guarantee of an award, let alone soon. Those law firm bills are due now.

Finally, if we raise more than is needed for the high priorities of past and upcoming attorneys’ fees, we will use those additional funds to carry on to prepare against any future attempts to take away our healthcare benefits. When all this started, RISE had exactly one hellish week – without funds or litigation counsel on board - to get a full-blown, expedited lawsuit off the ground. Knowing what we are up against, we would love not to be caught unprepared again. And State officials might think twice about trying again if they know we have the resources to fight back.

OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL IS \$220,000. That is a lot, but with your help contributing and reaching out to others, this goal is achievable. And if we could surpass that goal, so much the better for protecting our future. When deciding what to contribute, think of that \$1000 you could be paying in 2024 “out of pocket” (Highmark’s terminology, in addition to its other undisclosed “cost-sharing”) for Medicare Advantage if we had not brought the litigation.

SO PLEASE CONTRIBUTE through RISE’s GoFundMe Round 2 at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rise-delaware-round-2-legal-and-other-costs> or by check to RISE Delaware, mailed to RISE Delaware, P.O. Box 7262, Newark, DE 19714. NOTE: If you contribute through GoFundMe, BE SURE TO VERIFY WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO TIP GOFUNDME (a tip is set automatically to 15% if you do nothing).

And, importantly, PLEASE REACH OUT to State Retirees, employees, or spouses who might not yet have contributed. Many people are still blissfully unaware of their close call with losing their great Medicare benefit, and of our litigation’s accomplishment in stopping the Carney Administration. We need broad-based support to cover the past and upcoming costs of our lawsuit that has successfully kept us off Medicare Advantage (and, hopefully, to start preparing for whatever comes next from the State). With your help, we are not giving up and we are not going away! **OUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT.**

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THANK YOU FROM LISA DILLER (RISE PRESIDENT) AND THE REST OF YOUR VOLUNTEER RISE TEAM

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