

RISE Delaware Update for November 17th

Dear RISE Delaware Supporters:

We have received a number of messages with concerns about information being sent out about Medicare enrollment by members of our Congressional Delegation that include statements about Medicare Advantage that are, to us, very misleading. If you are inclined, please feel free to send a letter or a message to the members of our delegation telling them why Medicare Advantage is a bad deal for both recipients and the financial health of the Medicare Trust fund.

Below is a sample letter written by Senator Karen Peterson (retired). We think that it would be good for our Congressional delegation to gain a greater understanding of the problems with Medicare Advantage via the many email messages that we know that RISE Delaware supporters can generate. Thanks in advance for your efforts to educate them!

The websites for our Congressional delegation are below. Please go to the “Contact” section on each website to send an email message.

Senator Carper: <https://www.carper.senate.gov/>

Senator Coons: <https://www.coons.senate.gov/>

Representative Blunt Rochester: <https://bluntrochester.house.gov/>

SAMPLE LETTER:

November 16, 2023

The Hon. Lisa Blunt-Rochester
1105 N. Market St., Ste. 400
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Congresswoman Blunt-Rochester:

I was sorely disappointed to read a recent e-mail you wrote touting the “advantages” of Medicare Advantage plans. Apparently, you are unaware of the findings of the National Bureau of Economic Research which estimates that 10,000 Medicare Advantage patients die every year because their insurance companies delay or deny the care their doctor ordered.

Medicare Advantage plans cannot be “fixed” by legislation that modernizes prior authorization processes, as you suggest. The business model itself relies on delays and denials of healthcare services to make their profits. You cannot fix that – and that is what is going to bankrupt the Medicare Trust Fund and kill thousands of Americans.

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I suggest that you read the November 2, 2023 report, "[Medicare Advantage plans cost more, provide less](#)", published by the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations. The study found that Medicare Advantage plans diminish the amount and quality of care provided to patients, while overcharging the Medicare Trust Fund \$12 billion in 2020 alone.

At the rate senior citizens are being tricked (by false and misleading advertising) into believing that Medicare Advantage is a good thing, traditional Medicare will cease to exist in the not-too-distant future. Then we will be left with a national healthcare system full of "tricks and traps" that will bankrupt and kill older Americans. I am so sorry that you have decided to be a party to that. I never thought that Democrats would betray older Americans.

Sincerely,
Sen. Karen E. Peterson (Ret.)

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