

What They're Saying:
Organizations Proudly Support the *Medicare Cost Cap Act*

"The Medicare Cost Cap Act is a forward thinking breath of fresh air at a time when those who rely on social services are enduring relentless attempts to undermine those programs. Support for this proposal is a must when the cost of the quality of life is mounting daily across the elder and disability communities."

- Access Ready Inc

"The American Economic Liberties Project is proud to endorse the Medicare Cost Cap Act, which is an important step toward breaking up Big Medicine insurance conglomerates that drive costs up, quality down, and independent clinicians out of business," said Emma Freer, a senior fellow for health care at Economic Liberties. "This legislation will ensure Traditional Medicare is a more affordable, competitive option, with the same protection for seniors and people with disabilities against catastrophic costs as private Medicare Advantage plans."

- American Economic Liberties Project

"The California Physicians Alliance supports the Medicare Cost Cap Act because no older adult or person with a disability should have to choose between getting needed health care and maintaining financial security. While Medicare remains one of our nation's most successful public programs, too many beneficiaries still face high out-of-pocket costs that can threaten their health and economic well-being. This legislation would strengthen Medicare by providing more comprehensive financial protections, improving support for low-income beneficiaries, and ensuring that access to affordable care does not depend on the type of Medicare coverage a person selects. By reducing financial barriers and simplifying pathways to assistance, the Act advances the goal of a Medicare program that works for all who depend on it."

- California Physicians Alliance

"People with Medicare deserve the same basic protection from catastrophic costs that every other insurance plan in America already provides. The Medicare Cost Cap Act is a common sense step toward making sure that a serious illness doesn't also mean financial ruin, and importantly that low-income seniors aren't buried

under paperwork just to access the help they've already earned. Caring Across Generations is proud to support this legislation."

- Nicole Jorwic, Chief Program Officer, Caring Across Generations

"For millions of seniors and people with disabilities, getting sick can still mean facing unlimited medical bills. Traditional Medicare is the only major form of health insurance that does not include an annual out-of-pocket cap, leaving beneficiaries exposed to devastating financial risk simply because they need care or forcing them into privatized Medicare Advantage plans that have a cap but come with dangerous restrictions on their care. The Medicare Cost Cap Act would finally fix this glaring gap and give Medicare beneficiaries a true choice between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage. No one should have to choose between accessing lifesaving treatment and protecting their retirement savings. This commonsense legislation would strengthen Medicare's promise and provide peace of mind to the people who rely on it most. Congress should pass it without delay."

- Rachel Madley, PhD, Executive Director, Center for Health and Democracy

"This bill would be an important first step towards bringing Traditional Medicare in line with other health insurance coverage by adding an out-of-pocket cap as well as starting to rebalance the traditional program with private Medicare Advantage," said David Lipschutz, Co-Director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy. "Further, making it easier to qualify for Medicare Savings Programs will make Medicare more affordable for more people."

- Center for Medicare Advocacy

"No person in this country should be burdened by limitless out of pocket healthcare costs. Especially seniors. This is a common sense bill."

- Healthcare is a Human Right WA

"Medicare can be expensive for older adults living on fixed incomes, and getting help with those costs is too complicated. The Medicare Cost Cap Act would bring much needed relief by expanding and simplifying enrollment in premium and cost-sharing assistance for Medicare enrollees with low incomes and limiting out-of-pocket costs for everyone with Medicare. Justice in Aging is proud to

endorse this legislation which will make it possible for more older adults to afford their health care and other basic needs.”

- Justice in Aging

“Congress always intended for older adults and people with disabilities to have a meaningful choice between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage. But, right now, millions of people with Medicare have no choice because Traditional Medicare lacks an out-of-pocket cap. Capping out-of-pocket costs in Traditional Medicare, as this bill does, is essential to driving competition between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage, and giving people a meaningful choice between these options.”

- Diane Archer, Just Care USA

“PSARA (Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action) believes it’s imperative to level the playing field between Original Medicare and private Medicare Advantage plans. Passing the Medicare Cost Cap Act would be a big step toward this goal. Private plans have annual caps on out-of-pocket spending. Americans who choose Original Medicare deserve the same protection.”

- Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action

“Social Security Works enthusiastically supports the Medicare Cost Cap Act. By establishing an out-of-pocket spending cap in Traditional Medicare, this important legislation would provide much-needed, meaningful relief for millions of beneficiaries. It is time for Congress to enact bold policies to level the playing field between Medicare and private plans and protect beneficiaries from catastrophic health expenses.”

- Social Security Works

"For people facing cancer and other serious illnesses, health care costs can quickly become overwhelming, especially for those whose early Medicare choices may have unknowingly limited their future Medigap options. The Medicare Cost Cap Act would help protect beneficiaries from catastrophic out-of-pocket expenses, allowing more people to focus on their health rather than finances."

- Triage Cancer

“While people covered by Medicare are largely satisfied with the program, we know through our listening work that people with Medicare still have trouble affording their care. This is especially true in Traditional Medicare, where people are not protected by an annual cap on their out-of-pocket costs like those in Medicare Advantage plans,” said Natalie Davis, CEO and co-founder of United States of Care. “The Medicare Cost Cap Act will go a long way in helping to improve affordability for people covered by Medicare. It will also level the playing field between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage and streamline the eligibility and enrollment process for Medicare Savings Programs. United States of Care is proud to endorse this legislation, and we thank Ranking Member Wyden and his colleagues for their leadership on this issue.”

- United States of Care

"Healthcare costs are out of control. Seniors on a fixed income need to be able to rely on minimal, fixed costs in Healthcare."

- Washington CAN

"The Well Spouse Association is pleased to endorse the Medicare Cost Cap Act. Our members are spousal and partner caregivers who often face huge out-of-pocket medical costs, and struggle under the weight of long-term care expenses for their chronically ill or disabled spouses and partners. For our members and millions of other Americans, the Medicare Cost Cap Act would bring welcome financial relief and would represent an important step in the right direction toward improving our dysfunctional and inequitable health care system."

- Well Spouse Association