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Social Security's Economic Impact



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Medicare beneficiaries are being denied access to Medicare's skilled nursing facility (SNF) benefit because acute care hospitals are increasingly classifying their patients as "outpatients" receiving observation services, rather than admitting them as inpatients. Patients are called outpatients despite the fact that they may stay for many days and nights in hospital beds and receive medical and nursing care, diagnostic tests, treatments, medications, and food, just as they would if they were inpatients. Under the Medicare statute, however, patients must have an inpatient hospital stay of three or more consecutive days, not counting the day of discharge, in order to meet Medicare criteria for coverage of post-acute care in a SNF.



Chained CPI Threatens Recovering Economy

A startling new report details, state by state and Congressional District by District, the true economic impact of adopting a new formula called the "Chained CPI" to measure annual cost of living adjustments (COLA). While some in Washington portray this benefit cut as nothing more than a "technical tweak" the truth is it would be a benefit cut imposed on the oldest and most vulnerable Americans who would be least able to afford it.



Their View: Senior Citizens Deserve Benefits They've Earned

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On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, I am writing to urge you to oppose defunding of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as required by H.J. Res. 59, the Continuing Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014. H.J. Res. 59 was approved by the House of Representatives on September 20.



Max Richtman Oped in Tampa Bay Tribune

There is no other issue where the disconnect between Congress and the American people is more stark than the future of Social Security. Thanks to Washington's well-financed austerity lobby, the truth about Social Security has become obscured by political propaganda designed to persuade lawmakers to use Social Security's revenues to fix fiscal problems completely unrelated to the program.

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 The Chained CPI is a benefit cut to #SocialSecurity beneficiaries. It would result in a decrease of about \$130 per year in benefits for a typical 65 year old, & \$1,400 per year by the time that senior reaches 95.

www.TheTruthNow.org

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 Ohio Examiner



Medicare's Top 10



Medicare is efficient. Only 1% of traditional Medicare's spending is overhead compared to 8% for private insurance and 6% for privatized Medicare.

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