

SENIORS!

The New Democrat's **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** is Life Threatening

If the New Democrats win the Presidency and Congress, they will...

- ...force all Americans into Medicare
- ...bankrupt the Medicare program when everyone is forced into **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL**
- ...outlaw private health insurance companies
- ...ration healthcare to seniors to control healthcare costs
- ...create death panels
- ...deny life-saving surgery
- ...send recovering patients home too early
- ...force seniors to wait up to 6 months or more to see a doctor or have lifesaving surgery

With some 48 million seniors currently enrolled in Medicare, adding 277 million new potential patients overnight into a **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** program would overwhelm and crash the system.

Now, some 325.7 million people (every U.S. citizen and 11-16 million illegals) would be competing with seniors for the same number of limited doctors, nurses, hospital beds, medication supply, as well as life-saving surgery.

Democrats are Breaking Their Promise to Seniors

America's seniors were promised that if they worked hard all their lives and paid into Medicare, that they would be guaranteed quality medical benefits and services at age 65 (or qualify earlier) until death.

According to Forbes Magazine (March 7, 2013), the average working couple has contributed just over \$110,000 into Medicare over their working career. With **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL**, young patients and illegals will get the same services as seniors despite contributing almost nothing into Medicare.

Promises made, promises broken - the addition of about 277 million new potential patients will:

- Ration Health Care – When 277 million new people (citizens and illegals) are added to **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** the government- run health care system will be overwhelmed and when funds run out, Medicare will be bankrupt and rationing for seniors will begin.
- Create Death Panels – Obamacare already has a form of Death Panels, it's called the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPBA). This board will continue under **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** to decide who does and does not get medical treatment based on available funds.

- Raise Taxes Sky High – If 277 million new people are added to **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** at once, it will require \$32 trillion in new taxes in the first 10 years alone. This will double individual federal taxes according to the Heritage Foundation. Seniors on fixed incomes would be hit the hardest if their federal taxes double.
- Outlaw Private Health Insurance – **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** will lead to private health insurance companies going out of business.
- Add Illegal Aliens to **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** – **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** will include an additional 11 to 16 million new illegal aliens. As this illegal population increases and ages, they will compete for the same number of limited doctors and hospital beds as taxpaying senior Americans, causing reductions in services and more health care rationing.
- Expand Medical Device Excise Tax – Obamacare imposed a new excise tax on medical device manufacturers. **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** will continue this “senior’s only tax.” Who buys medical devices? Who buys pacemakers, wheelchairs, and other costly medical devices? Seniors do.
- Eliminate Legal Recourse – Generally the government cannot be sued if they deny you coverage. Under a government-run **MEDICARE-FOR-ALL** program, private citizen lawsuits would be subject to a lengthy and sometimes confusing list of limitations and most likely, never win.

Worldwide Government-Run Health Care Proves to Be Life-Threatening to Seniors

- England - In May of 2018, an astonishing 4.3 million people in the U.K. were on waiting lists for surgery and by the end of the year, it was estimated that as many as 30,000 English citizens died while waiting for government treatment.
-Source: *Forbes, October 1, 2018*
- Canada - Canadians travel to the United States and pay out of pocket for treatments and procedures, as they feel the wait in Canada is life-threatening.
-Source: *Sally Pipes, President, Pacific Research Institute*
- Norway – “we spend too much money to extend the last phase of life for dying, often old, people. Who’s to decide who receives treatment and who doesn’t? . . . that is a political responsibility - the job of politicians, not physicians.
-Source: *Freedom Center report: Government-Run Health Care Horror Stories From Norway*
- Cuba - If they do have to go to the hospital, they must bring their own bed sheets, soap, towels, food, light bulbs — even toilet paper. And basic medications are scarce . . . Doctors have been known to reuse latex gloves.
-Source: *National Review, July 11, 2007*

MEDICARE FOR ALL – We Have it Already, It’s Called the Veterans Administration

- *Bathrooms filthy with what appeared to be human excrement, *Examining tables that had dried blood and medications still on them, *Some patients were forced to beg for food and water, *Equipment used to sterilize surgical instruments that had broken down.
-Source: *ABC News Investigations into 162 VA facilities*
- Over a 10 year period, 307,000 veterans may have died awaiting health care at the VA according to a Veterans Administration Inspector General’s report.
-Source: *CNN, September 3, 2015*

- The death of as many as 40 patients allegedly waiting for care at a Phoenix VA hospital has sparked outrage and led to the resignation of Veterans Affairs Secretary, Eric Shinseki.
-Source: NBC News, August 17, 2018

What the Left/Democrats Say and Won't Say About MEDICARE FOR ALL

“ . . . eliminating private health insurance is an ‘urgent goal.’”

- Presidential candidate Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D - N.Y.) *The Washington Free Beacon*, Feb. 10, 2019

[Gaps in Medicare will be gaping holes for seniors]

“Likewise, seniors here will have to brace themselves for shortages if Congress expands Medicare to younger people.” - *New York Post*, August 8, 2017

[Seniors played by the rules, now they will lose]

“Democrats’ ‘Medicare for All’ would impose enormous tax increases on all, including seniors, to pick up all medical costs currently borne by employers and those of working age.”

- *National Review*, October 26, 2018

[276 million new people would overwhelm Medicare]

“Sen. Bernie Sanders’ ‘Medicare for all’ plan would increase government health care spending by \$32.6 trillion over 10 years . . . and require historic tax increases.”

- *CBS News*, July 30, 2018

[Doubling taxes will strap seniors on fixed incomes]

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