



June 20th, 2013

The Honorable Keith Rothfus
12th District, Pennsylvania
U.S. House of Representatives
503 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
5th District, Oregon
U.S. House of Representatives
108 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Rothfus and Schrader,

I am writing today on behalf of the 739,000 members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, to offer our strong support for the "Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2013." AMAC is pleased to see this bill introduced, as it seeks to restore a degree of consumer choice for those attempting to find the best health care plan for their individual coverage needs.

The open enrollment and disenrollment period for Medicare beneficiaries was recently altered in a way that essentially limits the ability of older Americans to make important changes in coverage. Now, beneficiaries covered under Medicare Advantage can only change to traditional fee-for-service Medicare during the disenrollment period; they aren't allowed to switch to other Medicare Advantage plans, change carriers, or make other adjustments necessary to obtaining the best individual coverage.

As an organization focused on the concerns of Mature Americans, we recognize that Medicare beneficiaries sometimes require a degree of consumer flexibility, especially as they navigate the often complex waters of Medicare coverage. The Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2013 restores some of that flexibility, allowing beneficiaries to make the best choice possible for their individual health circumstances. In fact, AMAC recently polled its members on this issue, and an overwhelming 97% of poll respondents indicated they would support legislation that returns the open enrollment period dates for Medicare Advantage plans to the first three months of the year like it was prior to 2011.

Like a majority of American citizens, AMAC remains very concerned about the future of our health care system, and we firmly believe that freedom of economic choice is crucial to obtaining the best health care coverage for individual citizens. This key piece of legislation represents a necessary and correct step in that direction.

Thanks to your leadership and attention, AMAC is proud to support the Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2013, a responsible bill that will restore a level of flexibility for those attempting to select the right type of health care coverage, while generally enhancing freedom of economic choice and giving American seniors peace of mind.

Sincerely,
Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC