



Stop Raiding Our Medicare!

Rally With Us!

Tuesday, August 1, 11:30 a.m.

Henry M. Jackson Federal Building, 915 2nd Avenue, Seattle

Special guest speakers:

Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Alex Lawson, Executive Director of Social Security Works

August 1 marks the 58th anniversary of Medicare. This is a historic accomplishment that we should celebrate.

But today, our Medicare is in danger. Large private corporations are raiding the Medicare Trust Fund – and our wallets.

Whether they sell Medigap insurance that covers costs traditional Medicare doesn't pay, or they sell private plans that replace traditional Medicare – AKA Medicare Advantage – insurance companies make big bucks off our health care needs.

We demand that private insurance corporations stop raiding our Medicare.

As a start, we need Congress and the President to level the playing field between traditional publicly funded Medicare and private Medicare Advantage plans.

That means:

- adding benefits to traditional Medicare like vision, dental, and hearing; eliminating the 20% Medicare co-pays; and capping out-of-pocket expenses,
- eliminating excessive administrative costs and profits in private insurance programs, and
- taking back money that the Medicare Trust Fund lost to fraud and abuse by private insurance corporations.

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