



## **2022 - Time to End Taxpayer Rebates to the Private Healthcare Insurance Industry**

### **TALKING POINTS**

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#### **MEDICARE COSTS / ENROLLEE 2019-2030 and BEYOND ARE OUT OF CONTROL:**

Healthcare Costs are a “Hungry Tapeworm”, Eating Away at our Economy!

Medicare Costs of \$796 Billion in 2019 Grow to \$1.7 Trillion by 2030 **UP 101%**

Medicare Enrollees Projected to Grow from 62 Million in 2020 to 77 million by 2030 **UP 25%**

Medicare Costs are growing Four (4) Times Faster than Medicare Enrollees **4:1**

#### **WE ARE AN AGING COUNTRY - CAN WE MANAGE IT?**

**Overage 65 population grows to 75 Million by 2030, to 100 Million by 2060 (25% of U.S. Population)**

**By 2028 all Baby Boomers will be over age 65 and by 2060 only 3 million remain**

#### **GOVERNMENT BONUSES and REBATES INFLATE MEDICARE COSTS PER ENROLLEE:**

CMS Paid MA Insurers **\$450 Billion in Bonuses and Rebates** over 24 Years - **\$41.8 billion** in 2021

MA Rebates pay for copays, coinsurance, hearing, eyecare, dental - enable a **43% MA Market Share**

Private Plans Have Never Been Competitive – 2021 MA Payments were **104%** of FFS/Enrollee

MedPAC’s 2021 Annual Report States: “**Aggregate Medicare payments to Medicare Advantage plans have never been lower than FFS Medicare spending**”.

#### **THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE QBP IS AN UNPROFESSIONAL SCHEME and A TAXPAYER SCAM:**

**Rebates up 2020-2021 – from \$35.1 billion to \$41.8 billion** vs \$26.9 was projected for 2021

The MA Plan Quality Bonus Plan (QBP) is a subsidy scam – it’s Unprofessional / Unethical

Businesses Don’t pay Suppliers Bonuses or Rebates for Quality – **QBP pays a 50% rebate for 1-star ratings**

MedPAC’s 2021 Annual Report States: “**The current state of quality reporting is such that the Commissions annual updates can no longer provide an accurate description of the quality of care in MA**” - also see **2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Annual Reports to Congress**

#### **REBATES CREATE UNFAIR COMPETITION and DISCRIMINATORY BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY:**

**MA Rebates were \$1,680/enrollee (\$41.8 billion) in 2021 – only 27.4 Million MA Enrollees are Eligible**

**36.3 Million Older Original Medicare Enrollees are Not Eligible** – Isn’t this Taxation without Representation?

Rebates of \$41.8 billion are projected to grow to **\$100.8 billion by 2030** – Totaling **\$668 billion (2021-2030)**.

#### **The NRLN PROPOSES “Exposing the Truth and Holding People Accountable”:**

Obtain Majority Political Support to Save Medicare – a symbol of American Democracy

Grandfather Benefits for all Current MA Plan Holders

Eliminate Bonuses and Rebates

Use Quality Control and Innovation to Reduce Costs and Award Contracts Using Competitive Bids.

Removing Original Medicare Competitive Barriers – creates a Level Playing Field for Competing Plans