

HEALTHCARE COVERAGE ACTION ALERT!

ARE YOU ON MEDICARE?

**DID YOU GET A NOTICE FROM DSS SAYING YOU ARE LOSING YOUR
MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM (MSP) BENEFITS (QMB, SLMB, ALMB)
IN JANUARY 2018 DUE TO A PROGRAM CHANGE?**

OR

**Do you *KNOW* someone who is on Medicare and was told they are
losing their MSP benefits?**

**You should know this is happening because of drastic cuts in the state
budget that was just passed by the legislature and signed by the
Governor in October 2017.**

Take Action!

Call your State Representative & State Senator!

And Encourage others to Call their Representative & State Senator!

**Let them know how the cuts to the Medicare Savings Program will
impact you, or the people you know or work with.**

Your calls and e-mails make a difference!

Not sure what to say, or how to start?

- Start with your name and the town you live in.
- Let them know you are calling about *“the most recent cuts made to the Medicare Savings Program in the state budget that was just passed.”*
- Tell them how these cuts will impact your life directly, or the people you know or work with. For example:

(more information on the back page)

- If you no longer have coverage for your 20% doctor or therapist visit Medicare co-pays, and so won't be able to go to some or all of your doctors or therapists anymore, **tell them that.**
- If you will no longer have coverage for the \$1,340 Medicare hospital deductible, so you will face a large bill if you have to be hospitalized, **tell them that.**
- If you will no longer have coverage for your Medicare Part B premiums (which range from \$104 to \$134/month), and so will have to drop that coverage, **let them know that.**
- **Tell them** what kind of choices you will be forced to make because of these cuts, for example, having to choose between the high co-pays for an essential medical service vs. heating your home.
- End your call by urging your legislator to quickly fix these cruel and unfair cuts to your health care coverage, which really are tax increases loaded on the backs of low income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Urge them to repeal these cuts.

Finally, PLEASE – Let us know how it goes!

To find out who your State Representative and State Senator are please call:

860-240-0100

Or use this link <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp>

Once you know who they are, you can contact them by calling or emailing them.

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