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**Congressional budget blueprints would cut senior programs**

The House and Senate Budget Committees are voting this week on their Budget Resolutions, which outline the parameters for budget-related legislation throughout the year. Some details are still lacking, but it appears that Medicaid and SNAP would be block granted and cut (Medicaid by \$913 billion), Medicare would be cut by over \$400 billion, and the Affordable Care Act would be repealed. Non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs like the Older Americans Act would continue to be subject to caps and potential sequester reductions this year, with an additional \$759 billion in cuts from 2017-2025. While floor passage is likely next week under the Republican-controlled Congress, Democrats and the White House will oppose these proposals. Watch here for more details next week.

**[Learn more about the Medicaid proposal](#)**

**2015 Older Americans Month materials now online**

The Administration for Community Living has posted outreach materials for Older Americans Month in May. The theme, "Get into the Act," honors the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act. Download posters, sample social media, event ideas, templates, and more.

**[Download materials](#)**

**Five years of lifting seniors out of poverty**

NCOA and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation are renewing their efforts to help thousands of seniors manage their financial lives. Together, we're helping seniors online and in the community through programs like EconomicCheckUp®, Economic Service Centers, and Savvy Saving Seniors®, which have been shown to help financially struggling seniors free up \$250 per month, on average.

## Learn more

### Help us prevent 1 million new cases of diabetes!

Diabetes Alert Day is March 24, and NCOA is joining six national organizations to help find 1 million Americans at risk for diabetes. Chances are, you know one of the 86 million people who have pre-diabetes.

### Share the diabetes risk test

### *Did you miss this?*

- **6 Ways to Eat Well as You Get Older** : March is National Nutrition Month! Read and share our tips for seniors.
- **Research to Support Family Caregivers** : Submit your ideas and vote on priorities for the Family Support Research and Training Center.
- **NCOA Public Policy Priorities for the 114th Congress** : See what we're pursuing as tier 1, 2, and 3 issues for older adults.

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