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Dear Anthony,

Today, President Obama signed a bill that offers critical protections for our nation's most vulnerable seniors with Medicare.

Thank you for your support as we advocated on behalf of seniors in need.

The [Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015](#):

- **Makes the Qualifying Individual (QI) program permanent**—meaning 500,000 low-income individuals with Medicare will no longer have to worry each year whether they can get help to pay their monthly premiums.
- **Expands resources by 50% for community-based organizations** to conduct benefits outreach and enrollment—from \$25 million to \$37.5 million for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

With you behind us, NCOA is proud to have led the efforts to achieve these important provisions for seniors.

But we're not finished. We look forward to continue working with you to improve the health and economic security of 10 million older adults by 2020.

Thank you,
Howard Bedlin
Vice President, Public Policy & Advocacy

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