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Urge your Senators to strengthen Medicare benefits

Next week, the Senate will vote on a House bill (H.R. 2) that makes critical improvements in Medicare—but largely at the expense of people on the program. While the bill includes permanent fixes for physician payments and the Qualifying Individual (QI) program, half of the \$70 billion needed to pay for it would come from increases in beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs. Please urge your Senators to support a modest, bipartisan amendment to make the bill more balanced by improving low-income protections and outreach, repealing arbitrary therapy caps, and extending ADRC funding.

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Webinar series: Counseling veterans on benefits

Join our Center for Benefits Access for a two-part webinar series on veterans' benefits. On April 21, discover the kinds of veterans' benefits and how they work with Medicare. And on May 19, explore options for counseling rural veterans.

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Share these tips this month!

Help the seniors in your community learn to budget, avoid scams, and safely use prepaid cards. Share our Savvy Saving Seniors® tips and then order a toolkit to host an education workshop in your community.

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Coming up ...

- **[Strong Brains, Sharp Minds – Part I](#)** : Explore the fundamentals of the aging brain through the latest research, as well as risk factors and self-care opportunities. *April 9 @ 1:30 p.m.*
- **[Strong Brains, Sharp Minds – Part II](#)** : Discover how to offer practical, low-cost brain health programs for seniors and caregivers in your community. *May 7 @ 1:30 p.m.*

Did you miss this?

- **Budgeting in 3 Minutes** : April is Financial Literacy Month! Share our free budgeting tool on EconomicCheckUp®.
- **Benefits 101 Fact Sheets** : Understand the core benefits programs for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, how eligibility is determined, and how to help seniors apply.
- **2015 Older Americans Month** : Download posters, sample social media, event ideas, and templates for your May event.

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