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## Meet the nominees

President-elect Donald Trump has announced his nominees to lead the Department of Health & Human Services and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Here's what we know about each of them.

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## **Cures Act cuts future Prevention & Public Health Fund**

Congress is poised to pass the 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6) this week, which provides new funding for biomedical research, mental health research and treatment, and opioid abuse treatment. Unfortunately, the bill pays for these items by rescinding \$3.5 billion in future funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF). The PPHF supports evidence-based programs for falls prevention and Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME). Almost all of the \$3.5 billion comes from future funding; however, many advocates expect that the PPHF will be included in proposals to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act. We're working to protect the PPHF and will be reaching out for your help soon.

[Read H.R. 6](#)

## **7 disaster assistance programs you should know**

If you or someone you know was a victim of the devastating wildfires that swept through Tennessee last week or any other recent natural disaster, you can get help from the federal government. Read and share our list of 7 programs that can provide relief.

[Get the list](#)

## **Two more BECs added to our network**

NCOA's Center for Benefits Access has awarded two additional grants to organizations to become Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) serving special populations. Alivio Medical Center will assist Latino seniors in Chicago, and the Connecticut Department on Aging is working to establish best practices for agencies that are helping recently released incarcerated individuals apply for Medicare benefits.

[See all of our BECs](#)

### ***Coming up...***

- **Facilitating Transportation to Evidence-Based Programs:** Explore resources to help individuals in your community stay connected to health care services. *Jan. 24 @ 3 p.m. ET*

## ***Did you miss this?***

- **Savvy Saving Seniors®**: Get everything you need to host a financial education workshop for seniors in your community.

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