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*If you have a question, a concern, or a problem my office is here to help.*

## CHRIS MURPHY'S SURVEY

**1) What do you think should be the top priority I'm fighting for in Congress?**

Protecting Social Security and Medicare  
 Improving the economy and creating jobs  
 Lowering taxes  
 Strengthening our national security  
 Reducing the budget deficit  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Which of the following comes closest to your view?**

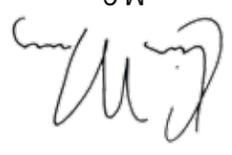
Medicare spending is growing too fast, so the only way to protect it for the future is to raise the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to 67.  
 It's too expensive to buy private insurance at ages 65 and 66, so raising the eligibility age will be too harsh on those who have paid in all their lives. The only way to slow Medicare spending is to end overpayments to providers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuses.  
 Neither.

**3) Would you like to receive occasional email updates - 'Murph Mail' - from my office?**

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**A MEDICARE UPDATE FROM**  
**CONGRESSMAN CHRIS MURPHY.**





# CHRIS MURPHY – “HERE’S WHAT I’M DOING TO PROTECT MEDICARE’S GUARANTEED BENEFITS.”



Dear neighbor,

In town after town, I’ve heard from countless Connecticut seniors who depend on Medicare and its guaranteed benefits. That’s why I’m working hard to protect Medicare from cuts and to improve the benefits it offers for things like prescription drugs and regular doctor’s visits.

Since there’s a lot of talk right now about changing Medicare, I’m writing to tell you where I stand, and to update you on my efforts to protect your Medicare benefits.



Chris listens to constituents concerned about changes to Medicare.



- 1. MEDICARE MUST REMAIN GUARANTEED, NOT A VOUCHER SYSTEM.** For two years in a row, Budget Chairman Paul Ryan has proposed legislation to replace Medicare’s guaranteed benefits with a voucher program. I opposed this plan because it would require seniors to buy health insurance from a private company using a voucher that wouldn’t completely cover their costs. *(Associated Press 3/20/12)*  
**I voted against this Republican plan both times,** and I’ll do whatever it takes to protect benefits for Connecticut’s seniors from those who want to end Medicare as we know it.
- 2. LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS UNDER MEDICARE PART D.** I voted to close the prescription drug ‘donut hole’ that forces many seniors to pay full price for essential medicines. Last year, you received a 50% discount on name-brand drugs and a 75% discount on generic drugs. Since the law was passed, over 56,000 Connecticut seniors have saved an average of \$653 each. Another reason I voted against the Ryan plan is because it would strip away these benefits. *(Department of Health and Human Services 3/19/12)*
- 3. MAKING PREVENTATIVE CARE FREE.** I also voted to eliminate co-pays on several forms of proven preventative care and to offer a free annual wellness visit to your doctor. This will help nearly 450,000 Connecticut seniors receive preventive care. And to protect these benefits from being repealed, I voted against the Republican plan. *(Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2/15/12)*
- 4. CUTTING WASTE, NOT BENEFITS.** To stop the private companies that were overcharging the taxpayers by hundreds of millions of dollars for Medicare Advantage payments, I voted to end the overpayments and save tax dollars without sacrificing benefits or the quality of seniors’ care. *(Reuters 3/22/10)*

I’ll continue standing up for Medicare and protecting its guaranteed benefits. Please keep your emails, phone calls and letters coming so I can hear what’s on your mind.

P.S. I want to hear what you think, so please return the attached survey.

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