



Medicare Patients:

Ask Congress to Help Keep Your Doctor

Dear Patient,

For a Medicare patient, a doctor can mean everything: independence, hope, and security. Medicare makes these outcomes possible. For doctors, providing quality care to patients is our primary mission. We have cared for many of you and your families over the years, and the last thing we want to do is tell any patient that we can no longer continue this relationship. Yet, if changes are not made to the Medicare system, the cost of continuing to care for our Medicare patients may become too exorbitant, and some difficult decisions may need to be made.

Even though the new health care bill promises to cover more patients, some big problems still exist. The health care bill did not fix Medicare — the government's largest health care program.

Congress must fix Medicare now, so that you and other Medicare patients can have the doctors you need when you're sick. You deserve to receive the care you've been promised. Congress **MUST** focus on this problem. Congress must finally fix a problem it has been putting off for more than 10 years.

A statewide effort now is underway to collect 1 million signatures. The petition drive is asking Congress to stop the Medicare meltdown so patients can choose their doctors and their doctors can stay in the program. However, due to government regulations, I cannot collect your signature on a petition. So instead, I'm sharing the information with you.

Please make your voice heard.

Go to <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/meltdown/>. Tell Congress to continue its work. Tell Congress to fix the crumbling foundation of our health care system.

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