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What Community Leaders and Seniors Are Saying About Medicare Advantage

Americans across the country are touting the benefits of Medicare Advantage and urging policymakers to keep the program stable for millions of beneficiaries amid rising healthcare costs.

- **Jessica Benham, state representative in the Pennsylvania House, Chester County Daily Local:** "Between the cost savings it provides and the vital benefits it connects seniors with, Medicare Advantage plays a crucial role in our health care system. It is no wonder that the program enjoys a 94% satisfaction rate and has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. To support the continued growth in enrollment that is expected, Medicare Advantage must remain strong and secure for years to come. As policymakers in Washington proceed with the Medicare Advantage rate-setting process, Pennsylvania's congressional delegation should continue to advocate for a stable Medicare Advantage program to protect the critical health care and services so many people rely on. Seniors and those with disabilities in Pennsylvania are counting on it." (3/8/24)
- **Clarice and Ken Cox, Medicare Advantage Beneficiaries, PennLive:** "For us, Medicare Advantage is more than just health insurance. With this plan, we know that our health and financial well-being are protected. The comprehensive coverage, from preventive care (i.e. Silver Sneakers) and prescription drugs to specialized treatment and recovery programs, has enabled us to focus on enjoying our lives together, rather than worrying about the next health care bill. This is why we urge our leaders in Washington D.C. to work with their colleagues to ensure Medicare Advantage has full funding. This program provides health care coverage to more than 1.3 million seniors and individuals with disabilities in Pennsylvania and more than 33 million nationwide — it is a vital program for so many." (3/5/24)
- **Kayla Galford, marketing director at Oakmont of the Lakes, an assisted-living and memory care community in Las Vegas, The Las Vegas Sun:** "Medicare Advantage isn't just another policy — it's a lifeline that provides tailored, comprehensive and affordable health care to those who depend on it. Here at Oakmont of the Lakes, the majority of our residents are enrolled in Medicare Advantage and count on the program as an essential health resource. That's why we urge our elected officials to support Medicare Advantage ahead of this upcoming election. Coverage through the program not only meets the needs of Nevada seniors but also presents an opportunity to enhance health care outcomes while keeping costs affordable." (2/27/24)
- **Kathy Gagne, Medicare Advantage beneficiary, The New Hampshire Union Leader:** "As a beneficiary, as well as a retiree from the health insurance industry, I recognize and am grateful for the immense value, coverage, and cost savings Medicare Advantage provides — and why I wanted to voice my concerns about its future to the senator's

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office. ... I've heard that the government will soon be making decisions about Medicare Advantage that will have a direct impact on me and my coverage (as well as the coverage of tens of millions of other beneficiaries nationwide). As these decisions are made, New Hampshire's elected officials in Congress—including Senators Hassan and Shaheen as well as Representatives Kuster and Pappas—should help ensure the program remains stable and properly supported for the foreseeable future." (2/17/24)

- **[Marcia Marion, Medicare Advantage beneficiary, The Times of Chester County:](#)** "Without Medicare Advantage, I don't know if I would be able to afford a healthcare plan that is as good as the one I have now. I hope that Senator Casey and Senator Fetterman will continue supporting Medicare Advantage and taking steps to ensure its funding. Quality of life for Pennsylvania's seniors, like me, depends on their continued support." (2/9/24)
- **[Christine Maroulis, subject matter expert and Executive in Resident for Cornell University's Sloan Program in Health Administration, Arizona Capitol Informant:](#)** "Fortunately, as tens of millions of seniors nationwide have come to find, Medicare Advantage—an alternative to traditional Fee-For-Service Medicare—helps seniors more effectively and cost-efficiently access the crucial healthcare services and support they need to live healthier, more active lives. By reducing costs and expanding access to care, particularly in rural and other underserved communities, Medicare Advantage plays an essential role in healthcare delivery in America." (2/7/24)
- **[Barbara Burrus, Medicare Advantage beneficiary, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution:](#)** "I chose my Medicare Advantage plan because it is flexible, affordable, and includes preventive care options that seniors and those with disabilities rely on to stay healthy. For those of us on fixed incomes, beneficiaries don't have to sacrifice quality for these lower prices. ... I urge Georgia's elected officials in Congress to keep in mind the value of stability for Medicare Advantage as the Biden administration reviews the program. Millions of Georgians, including me, depend on this program for reliable, cost-effective healthcare, and we don't want to see that jeopardized." (2/1/24)
- **[Susan Dow, Medicare Advantage beneficiary, The Concord Monitor:](#)** "Thanks to Medicare Advantage, I'm living a more active, healthier lifestyle. As federal officials look closely at Medicare in the coming weeks, I'm hopeful that New Hampshire's lawmakers will help protect Medicare Advantage. I had the pleasure of participating in a roundtable discussion with Rep. Kuster and shared my support for Medicare Advantage, and I hope she'll keep my thoughts in mind. Hopefully she and the rest of our congressional delegation can help keep Medicare Advantage secure for years to come." (2/1/24)
- **[Rose Kanan, Medicare Advantage beneficiary, The Argus Press:](#)** "Medicare Advantage is an important option due to its wide variety of plans and the overall satisfaction beneficiaries enjoy with their coverage. Retirees continue to choose

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Medicare Advantage due to higher cost savings and expanded benefits. Like us, other Michigan families love that Medicare Advantage fits in with any lifestyle as well as lowering costs. That's why it's so important for our lawmakers to protect such an important program and pledge to continue to support Medicare Advantage." (1/9/24)

- [Jonathan Kinloch, Wayne County Commissioner & representative on the Board of Directors for the Wayne County Mental Health Authority, The Detroit News:](#) "In the effort to ensure all Michigan seniors can access the care they need, when they need it, and at prices they can afford, the Medicare Advantage plan plays an important role. With the new fiscal year comes financial decisions that can impact the plan and its beneficiaries for the rest of the year and in the years ahead. It is critical that Michigan's congressional delegation help keep Medicare Advantage stable for the more than 31 million Americans (1.1 million Michiganians) who rely on it for care." (1/6/23)
- [Kathy Hoffman, Fee-For-Service Medicare beneficiary who intends to switch to Medicare Advantage, Arizona Capital Informant:](#) "Not only does Medicare Advantage help beneficiaries save money so they can afford to meet their health needs, but it also provides a wider range of services that improve patient outcomes along with easy to utilize services. These include more flexible vision, dental, and hearing benefits, as well as an array of innovative services that help improve access to care. From telehealth to home meal delivery to transportation to and from appointments, these unique supplemental services help meet patients' health care needs when and where they need it." (12/14/23)