

MCSALLY PROMISED TO PROTECT MEDICARE FOR SENIORS

McSally: “Of Course I’m Committed To Preserving And Protecting Social Security And Medicare For Seniors.” At a town hall in 2017, McSally said, “Of course I’m committed to preserving and protecting Social Security and Medicare for seniors and the next generation.” [Town Hall in Sahuarita, 34:11, [2/23/17](#)]

McSally: “We Need To Protect The Promises We Have Made To Seniors That Are At Or Near Retirement.” At a debate in 2012, McSally said, “We need to protect the promises we have made to seniors that are at or near retirement.” [Green Valley Republican Club Debate, 07:02, [4/12/12](#)]

McSally: “We’ve Got To Be Able To Protect And Secure Medicare And Social Security For Future Generations. We Have To Keep The Promises To Our Seniors.” At the Greater Catalina Council Forum in the 2012 Republican primary, McSally said, “We’ve got to be able to protect and secure Medicare and Social Security for future generations. We have to keep the promises to our seniors and those that are at and approaching – or at retirement and approaching retirement.” [Greater Catalina Forum, 31:22, [4/2/12](#)]

MCSALLY BROKE HER PROMISE TO PROTECT MEDICARE FOR SENIORS

McSALLY LED THE CHARGE TO CUT MEDICARE

McSally On Passing The AHCA: “Let’s Get This Fucking Thing Done.” “After declining to inform the public of where she stands on the Zombie Trumpcare bill, it appears that Congresswoman Martha McSally (R-AZ02) is fully behind it, according to AP reporter Erica Werner, who reports that McSally told her GOP colleagues it was time to get this ‘f*****g thing’ done.” [Tucson Weekly, [5/04/17](#)]

McSally Voted For The American Health Care Act (AHCA). In May 2017, McSally voted for the AHCA. The bill passed, 217-213. [CQ, [5/4/17](#); H.R. 1628, Vote 256, [5/4/17](#)]

- **AARP: AHCA Would Be “Devastating” For The 11 Million Medicare Beneficiaries Who Are Dual-Eligible For Medicare And Medicaid.** “The impact of such a huge loss of federal Medicaid funds on people with disabilities and poor seniors would be devastating — especially for 11 million Medicare beneficiaries who are also eligible for Medicaid. These individuals — called dual eligibles, or duals — are the poorest and sickest of all Medicare beneficiaries and rely on Medicaid for critical LTSS services, like help with toileting, bathing and eating.” [AARP, [5/3/17](#)]
- **May 2017: McSally Voted Against Motion To Protect Medicare Solvency And The Medicare Guarantee.** “the democratic previous question would amend the rules of the house to prevent any healthcare-related legislation from being considered if it does not have a CBO cost estimate or if it would 1) deny health coverage or require higher premiums due to pre-existing conditions; 2) impose life-time limits on health coverage; 3) prevent individuals under age 26 from being covered under their parents’ plans; 4) reduce the number of people receiving health care under the ACA; 5) increase costs to seniors by re-opening the donut hole and raising prescription drug costs; 6) require people to pay for preventive services, including cancer screenings; 7) reduce Medicare solvency or change the Medicare guarantee; or 8) reduce federal taxes on the 1 percent of the population with the highest incomes or increase taxes on the 80 percent of hard-working Americans earning moderate to low incomes.” [Vote 252, [5/4/17](#)]
- **AHCA Could Lead To Cuts To Medicare.** “The ACA included a 0.9 percent Hospital Insurance Trust Fund payroll tax on wages above \$200,000. By repealing this tax on high wage earners, the House bill would accelerate the exhaustion of Medicare’s Part A Trust Fund by three years, from 2028 to 2025, according to the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in a letter to Senator Ron Wyden.[1] This could lead to cuts in Medicare, including privatizing the program, that would be detrimental to current and future beneficiaries.” [National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, [3/8/17](#)]

McSALLY BROKE HER PROMISE BY VOTING TO TURN MEDICARE INTO VOUCHER SYSTEM

Arizona Daily Star: In 2017, McSally Voted For A Plan To “Change Medicare To A Voucher Program.” “The House on Oct. 5 adopted, 219-206, a Republican budget plan for fiscal 2018-2027 that would set the stage for later legislative action to reduce corporate and individual taxes by \$5.4 trillion and non-military outlays by \$5.8 trillion. A yes vote backed a budget (H Con Res 71) that would gradually change Medicare to a voucher program and devolve many K-12 education programs to state and local governments. Yes: McSally, Gosar, Biggs, Schweikert, Franks No: O’Halleran, Grijalva, Gallego, Sinema.” [Arizona Daily Star, [10/6/17](#)]

McSally Voted Against Protecting Medicare From Being Turned Into A Voucher Program Age. “Voting 167 for and 241 against, the House on July 28 defeated a motion by Democrats to prevent regulatory actions under HR 427 (above) that would restructure Medicare or Social Security. The motion stated opposition to changes such as converting Medicare to a voucher program or raising the Social Security retirement age. A yes vote was to protect Medicare and Social Security as now structured. Yes: Kirkpatrick, Grijalva, Gallego, Sinema No: McSally, Gosar, Salmon, Schweikert, Franks.” [Arizona Daily Star, 8/2/15]

2012: McSally Supported FY13 Ryan Budget. In April 2012, McSally said that she would have voted for Congressman Paul Ryan’s budget for FY 2013. “There were several budgets actually that were tied up last week to the House and the one that did pass is the one that Paul Ryan had created and I would have voted for that budget,” she said. [KGUN-TV, [4/09/12](#)]

- **New York Times Editorial: Ryan Budget Would Turn Medicare Into Voucher System.** “Over all, about half of Mr. Ryan’s \$5 trillion in cuts over a decade would come from health care. His plan to convert Medicare to a “premium support” system, though less damaging than last year’s proposal, still weakens a guarantee to the elderly and risks driving up costs for future beneficiaries. He would still offer the elderly a fixed amount of money to shop for their own health insurance, but allow the option of enrolling in traditional Medicare. Unfortunately, that could lead to higher costs and premiums in traditional Medicare because it would attract older and sicker patients who would be expensive to cover, while healthier, cheaper patients flocked to private plans. In the long run, the premium support plan could shift costs to beneficiaries because it would limit annual per capita spending growth to well below the level required by the health care reform act.” [New York Times, Editorial, [3/20/12](#)]

WALL STREET JOURNAL SAID MEDICARE VOUCHER WOULD “ESSENTIALLY END MEDICARE”

Wall Street Journal: “The Plan Would Essentially End Medicare.” The Wall Street Journal wrote, “The plan would essentially end Medicare, which now pays most of the health-care bills for 48 million elderly and disabled Americans, as a program that directly pays those bills.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/04/11](#)]

McSALLY BROKE HER PROMISE WHEN SHE VOTED TO CUT BILLIONS FROM MEDICARE

October 2017: McSally Voted In The House To Adopt The Senate-Passed Budget For FY 2018. “The House on Thursday adopted the Senate-passed budget that would pave the way for tax reform legislation. Lawmakers narrowly approved the plan in a 216-212 vote.” [CBS News, [10/26/17](#); Vote 589, [10/26/17](#)]

- **Senate GOP Budget Plan Slashed Medicare By \$473 Billion.** “The GOP on Thursday narrowly backed the budget plan, a prerequisite to major tax legislation...Under congressional rules, the nonbinding budget resolution is supposed to lay out a long-term fiscal framework for the government. This year’s measure calls for \$473 billion in cuts from Medicare over 10 years and more than \$1 trillion from Medicaid.” [Associated Press, [10/20/17](#)]