



February 25th, 2014

The Honorable Joe Pitts
16th District, Pennsylvania
420 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
6th District, New Jersey
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pitts and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the 1.1 million members of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), I am writing to express our deep concern regarding newly proposed regulations for the Medicare Part D prescription drug program and how they may negatively impact the health care coverage of mature Americans and seniors.

AMAC is in favor of leaving the Medicare Part D market-based, public-private partnership between drug manufacturers and health plan sponsors in its current structure. The majority of medication costs have already come out of the Part D program due to the generic status of the many maintenance drugs that are commonly prescribed. Generic drug usage dominates throughout the program and provides many choices for both physicians and patients. If anything, interference by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the Part D program – particularly with protected class medications – could limit access to drugs and sharply reduce choice.

As a champion of free market solutions, AMAC remains concerned that these new regulations will unnecessarily expand the government's role in the Medicare Part D program, ultimately leading to unnecessary burdens and costs to providers and consumers. AMAC is also concerned that the proposed regulations appear to conflict with the intent of Part D as it was originally written, and deliberately circumvent Congressional processes.

AMAC strongly opposes attempts by the Administration to exert more control over valued programs like Medicare Part D that already work efficiently and effectively and enjoy significant popularity among older Americans.

As the fastest-growing seniors' advocacy organization in the country, AMAC remains committed to ensuring that mature Americans are able to maintain access to the cost-effective Medicare Part D benefits they prefer. Thank you for your concern and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC