



January 8, 2015

The Honorable Keith Rothfus  
12<sup>th</sup> District, Pennsylvania  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1205 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rothfus,

On behalf of the 1.2 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, I am writing to offer our strong support for the "Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2015." This important piece of legislation seeks to restore a degree of consumer choice for those attempting to find the best health care plan for their individual coverage needs.

The open enrollment and disenrollment period for Medicare beneficiaries was significantly altered under Section 3204 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known more commonly as "ObamaCare." While described as "simplifying annual beneficiary election periods," this ObamaCare provision essentially limits the ability of older Americans to make important changes in coverage. As a result, beneficiaries covered under Medicare Advantage can only change to traditional fee-for-service Medicare during the disenrollment period; they aren't allowed to switch to other Medicare Advantage plans, change carriers, or make other adjustments necessary to obtaining the best individual coverage.

As an organization focused on the concerns of mature Americans, AMAC recognizes that Medicare beneficiaries sometimes require a degree of consumer flexibility, especially as they navigate the often complex waters of Medicare coverage. The "Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2015" restores some of that flexibility, allowing beneficiaries to make the best choice possible for their individual health circumstances. In fact, AMAC polled its members on this issue, and an overwhelming 97% of poll respondents indicated that they would support legislation that returns the open enrollment period dates for Medicare Advantage plans to the first three months of the year like it was prior to 2011.

Like a majority of Americans, AMAC remains very concerned about the impact ObamaCare is having on our health care system. We believe that freedom of economic choice is crucial to obtaining the best possible health care coverage for individual citizens. This key piece of legislation represents a necessary and correct step in that direction. Thanks to your leadership and attention, AMAC is proud to support the "Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2015," a responsible bill that gives health care consumers the flexibility they need, while generally enhancing freedom of economic choice and giving American seniors peace of mind.

Sincerely,  
Dan Weber  
President and Founder of AMAC