

AARP South Carolina Health Action Now

AARP has announced six specific elements that must be part of health reform, including closing the Medicare Part D coverage gap and ensuring 50- to 64-year-olds have access to affordable health care choices.

The next few weeks will be an all-out blitz for health reform as leaders on Capitol Hill hammer out the details of their legislation. AARP wants to make sure they include the priorities that members need.

AARP's health reform campaign will focus on six critical priorities:

- * Guaranteeing access to affordable coverage for Americans age 50-64;
- * Closing the Medicare Part D coverage gap or "doughnut hole";
- * Creating a Medicare transition benefit to help people safely return to their homes after a hospital stay and prevent costly hospital readmissions;
- * Increasing federal funding and eligibility for home and community based services through Medicaid so older Americans can remain in their homes and avoid more costly institutions as they age;
- * Creating a pathway for the approval of generic versions of biologic drugs to reduce the price of these costly treatments; and
- * Improving the Medicare Savings Programs and the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS) so more Americans can afford the health care and prescription drugs they need.



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Theme Weeks Continue the Drumbeat for Health Care Reform

Week of June 1st - Long Term Care

Week of June 8th - Improving Medicare

Week of June 15th - Coverage for 50-64 year olds

Week of June 22nd - Covering the Part D Doughnut Hole

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Volunteers Deliver Health Care Message in Memorial Day Recess Meetings with MOC's



Rock Hill volunteers had an hour long meeting with Rep. John Spratt (D- 5th District). Spratt will play a key role in the health care reform discussion.



Second District AARP volunteers meet with Rep. Joe Wilson (R-2nd District), who is an AARP member, in his West Columbia office. Volunteers discussed AARP's Health Care Reform positions with him.

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