

AARP South Carolina Health Action Now

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) meets with Anderson area AARP volunteers to discuss health care reform measures.



AARP Teletown Hall Meeting Features Rep. Clyburn

AARP South Carolina recently held a unique town hall meeting with Rep. James Clyburn by way of the telephone.

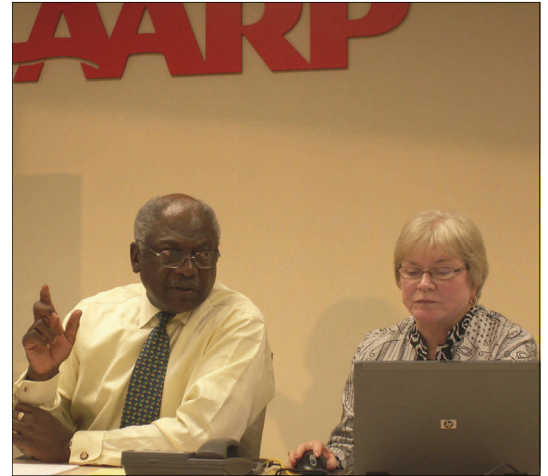
More than 1800 AARP members in the 6th district participated at some point on the hour long call focused on health care reform.

Town hall participants voiced many concerns including lack of access to health care and the inability to afford it, with several specifically noting they were in the 50 – 64 age group. Others raised issues about Medicare premiums, Part D and being able to find a doctor who would accept them as a patient.

AARP Endorses Medicare Transitional Care Act

AARP has enthusiastically endorsed the “Medicare Transitional Care Act,” sponsored by Representatives Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Charles Boustany (R-LA). This critical legislation would help eliminate the thousands of preventable hospital readmissions that occur each year by providing coordinated follow-up care to people in Medicare through a team of caregivers. Such a benefit can help save some of the estimated \$17 billion Medicare spends each year on preventable hospital readmissions and significantly reduce the 20 percent of people in Medicare who are readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of their first visit.

AARP has urged lawmakers to ensure that comprehensive health care reform includes a Medicare follow-up care benefit to help people safely return to their homes after a hospital stay, coordinate their health care needs and prevent unnecessary hospital readmissions.



Jane Wiley, AARP SC state director, and Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC) discuss health care reform measures during the AARP teletown hall meeting.



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Do you have a story to share on finding affordable, accessible health care? AARP SC is creating a collection of stories about every day people who unfortunately don't have health care coverage. Send your name, contact information and a brief few words about your situations. Email it to: pcobb@aarp.org

Upcoming: Town Hall Meeting with Rep. John Spratt - July 2 in Rock Hill. Info at www.aarp.org/sc

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