

Shining **MORE** Light on the Rumors and Myths of Health Care Reform



AARP Reacts to President's Recent Health Care Town Hall Meeting

WASHINGTON – AARP Chief Operating Officer Tom Nelson issued this statement following remarks by the President at a town hall event on August 11 in New Hampshire on health care reform.

“AARP has been working with Democrats and Republicans to fix our broken health care system.

“While the President was correct that AARP will not endorse a health care reform bill that would reduce Medicare benefits, indications that we have endorsed any of the major health care reform bills currently under consideration in Congress are inaccurate.

“AARP supports specific measures that would help older Americans and their families – including bipartisan proposals to create a new follow-up care benefit in Medicare that would help prevent hospital re-admissions, as well as to address the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap known as the ‘doughnut hole.’ We also support the need for lawmakers and the Administration to act this year to fix what doesn’t work in the health care system.

“We share the President’s commitment to act this year, and our members appreciate his insistence that any final reform package will not reduce Medicare benefits for the millions of people that literally depend on that program as a lifeline.

“We look forward to working with leaders of both parties, including the President, to build a final package we could endorse that addresses the concerns of the 50-plus population and brings quality, affordable health care choices to every American.”

Bulletin Article Tackles the Truth

As you know, AARP has been a leading advocate to reform health care, and as the debate continues, the opponents of reform will stop at nothing in promoting myths and distortions to mislead people on reform proposals.

To help spread the truth about health care reform to our members, users, followers and fans, the Bulletin will be publishing a new article on facts and myths (“Health Care Reform: The Assault on Truth”) on August 13. We’d like your help to get the truth out there by sharing the Bulletin story on Twitter and Facebook . Use the following link <http://bit.ly/mhDur> for the Bulletin article.



Health Care Currents



On Air

This week AARP launched the next phase of its Health Action

Now campaign with a national advertising and grassroots push to ensure every American has access to affordable, quality coverage. AARP’s advertising will run on national television and radio, print and on-line. Click the TV to get a preview.

Shaking Hands

Have you been to an August recess Town Hall meeting or event with your Member of Congress? If so, what was your experience and what did you learn or share at the meeting. If you have questions, concerns or need some help call or email your staff lead.

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