

*Medicare Administrator's Report Warns Doctors Could Stop Seeing Medicare Patients*

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) last night spoke on the House floor to highlight a recent Obama administration report that concluded the new health care law will drive up health care spending and jeopardize access to medical care for seniors.

“Put simply, the new health care law will force many doctors to stop seeing Medicare patients, leaving seniors in my district out in the cold,” Rooney said. “These are the facts: the new health care law will drive up costs and make it more difficult for many Americans, particularly seniors, to get the care they need.”

The report, available [here](#), was completed by the Chief Actuary at the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), the agency within the Department of Health and Human Services that administers the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

According to the report, “Providers for whom Medicare constitutes a substantive portion of their business could find it difficult to remain profitable and, absent legislative intervention, might end their participation in the program—possibly jeopardizing access to care for beneficiaries.” The report also concludes that, “Total national health expenditures in the United States during 2010 to 2019 would increase by about 0.9 percent. The additional demand for health services could lead to price increases, cost-shifting, and/or changes in providers’ willingness to treat patients with low-reimbursement health coverage.”

Click [here](#) for a video of Congressman Rooney’s floor speech.

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