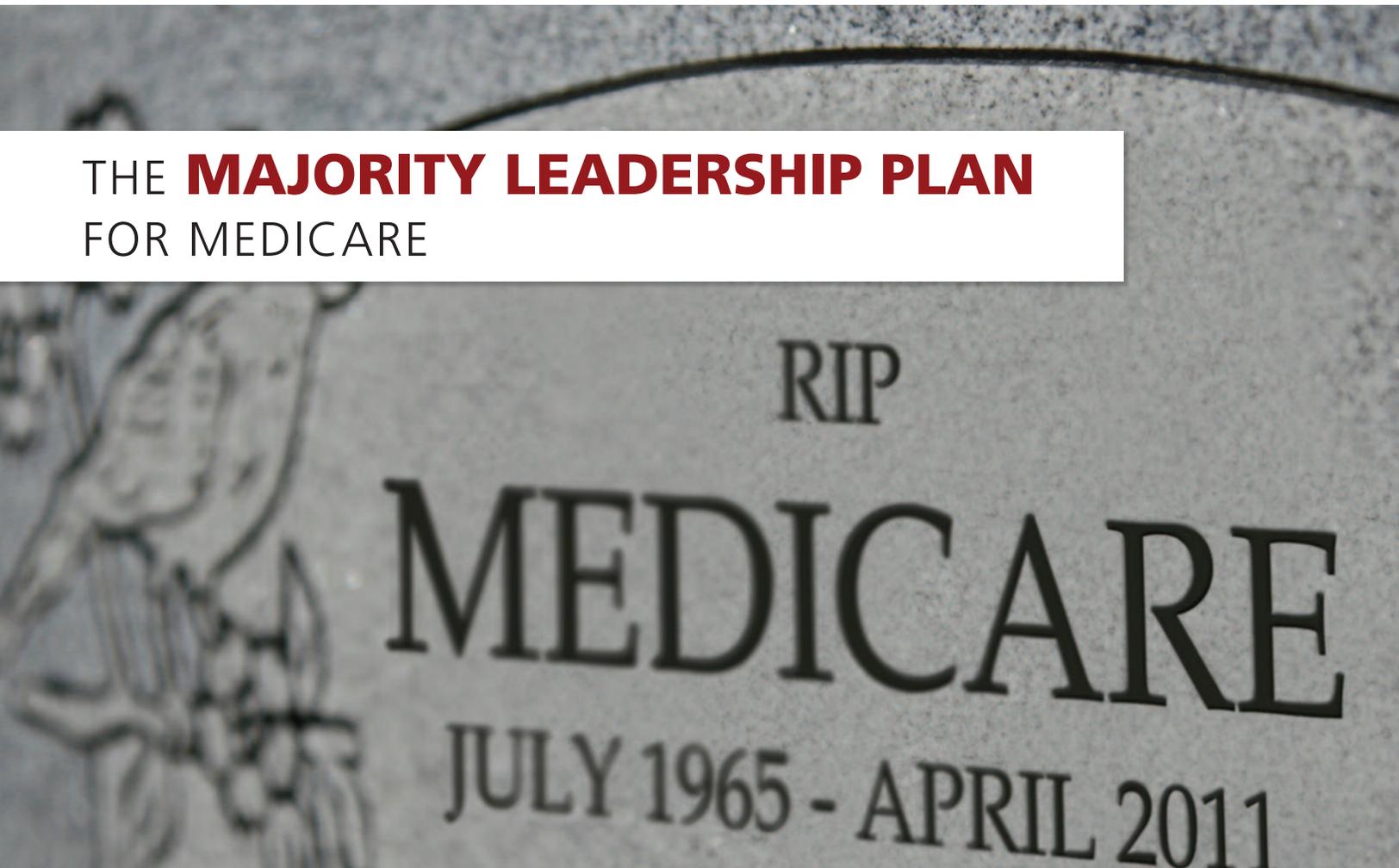


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## THE **MAJORITY LEADERSHIP PLAN** FOR MEDICARE



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**"Many elements of this budget proposal would harm individuals who currently receive Medicare or Medicaid coverage, including proposed budget caps enforced by across-the-board spending cuts. Although some changes in Medicare are directed at those 55 and under, in fact, the mandatory spending caps would very likely trigger cuts to Medicare benefits for today's seniors."**

*Source AARP Letter to Congress, 04/14/2011*

# Their Plan Kills Medicare

## Budget Chairman Ryan's plan will end Medicare as we know it.

- Increases Medicare eligibility age to 67 years of age.  
*Source: Congressional Budget Office Analysis (p. 7)*
- Puts Medicare recipients into the hands of corporate health insurance companies, resulting in fewer choices of doctors and rationed-care.  
*Source: House Budget Committee Chair Paul Ryan (R-WI), "Path to Prosperity" (p. 46)*
- A private health insurance plan covering the standardized benefit would, CBO estimates, be more expensive currently than traditional Medicare.  
*Source: Congressional Budget Office Analysis (p. 22)*
- Doubles the amount seniors pay in out-of-pocket expenditures from \$5,500 to \$12,500.  
*Source: Congressional Budget Office Analysis (p. 21); Figure 1, Letter to Hon. Paul Ryan, April 5, 2011; U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee - Minority Staff, Fact Sheet, April 2011*
- Cuts at least \$400 billion from Medicare to fund tax cuts for millionaires and special interests.  
*Source: Congressional Budget Office Analysis (p. 10)*

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FROM THE DESK OF CONGRESSMAN HENRY CUELLAR



Dear Taxpayer,

The Republican majority in Congress are trying to end Medicare as we know it. More than 98,234 families in the 28th District of Texas paid into the Medicare system and depend on Medicare.

As your Congressman, I am leading the charge to protect this program that you have invested in for so many years and entrusted with the health of yourself and your family. I will continue to work to reduce the deficit, but I will not do it by breaking our commitment to seniors and their families.

Sincerely,

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