

I am not quite eligible for Medicare but I have spent a career in health administration and automation. I now volunteer for the FL SHINE (SHIP) program and help seniors with health insurance issues. If the insurance companies were not so profitable to be able to pay their CEO's outrageous sums each year, the ACA spending requirement would not have become part of the reform law. Why should taxpayers pay more for services under MAPD plans than for services under traditional Medicare? Why should the government underwrite the inefficiencies of for profit insurance companies? I say HOORAY for the spending requirements which should put the PCP's and patients back in the healthcare driver's seat where they belong! Seniors don't understand why their CT scans or MRIs are not approved by their HMO's when that had never been the case under traditional Medicare. I do hope this will lead to more efficient marketing, fewer free lunches, tote bags and key chains and more care for the ill for with the Advantage plans. Our seniors deserve better than the MAPD plans currently available.

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