AARP’s Backroom Obamacare Deal

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Despite severe cuts to Medicare, AARP supported Obamacare. They got a “backroom deal,” according to a new report titled, “The AARP America Doesn’t Know.”

The AARP will receive 4.95% of each Medigap dollar paid by senior citizens. But they will only receive a flat fee for their Medicare Advantage HMO plan no matter how many people they enroll. Thus, AARP has a financial incentive to shift seniors from Medicare Advantage to traditional Medicare with its Medigap policies.

The report estimates that AARP will receive between $55 million and $166 million in new revenue in 2014 alone. Their ten-year windfall could total $1 Billion dollars.

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“BEHIND THE VEIL: The AARP American Doesn’t Know,” Reps Wally Herger (R-CA) and Dave Reichert (R-WA), March 2011.

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