



Citizens' Council on Health Care

Health Freedom Minute

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Medicare Actuary Counters HHS

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens' Council on Health Care.

The Obama Administration claims that Medicare has 12 more years of life because of ObamaCare.¹ Insolvency will come in 2029, not 2017.

But the Chief Actuary for Medicare says otherwise.

Richard Foster says the Medicare Trustee's financial projections "do not represent a reasonable expectation for actual program operations in either the short range...or the long range." He suggests health reform changes are not viable, provider productivity will not approach the levels projected, and "prices paid by Medicare will fall increasingly short of costs."

Thus, if Medicare still exists in 2029, what kind of care will be available for you?

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¹ "Trustees Announce Solvency of Medicare Trust Fund Extended By 12 Years to 2029." HHS press release, Aug. 5, 2010: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/08/20100805d.html>

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