



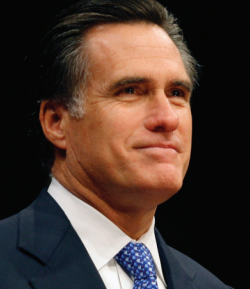













EVERY Major Republican Candidate Spells DANGER for Medicare and Medicaid

		Ending Medicare as We Know It	Raising the Medicare Eligibility Age	Cutting Medicaid Through Block Grants
SANTORUM 				
ROMNEY 				
GINGRICH 		  FLIP FLOP	  FLIP FLOP	
PAUL 			?*	?*

*Ron Paul hasn't taken a position on this because he wants to end Medicare and Medicaid altogether.

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RICK SANTORUM	<p>“Under a Santorum idea, it would no longer be a government-run healthcare system.” –CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</p> <p>“I think the ultimate answer for Medicare is to turn it into more of a private-sector-looking plan... The federal government has a fixed commitment of dollars that they can afford and then the individual picks up the rest.” –CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</p>	<p>“That’s another thing we need to look at, [the] eligibility [age] for Medicare which I didn’t talk about, but clearly having Medicare eligibility at age 65 and Social Security at 67 for generations really doesn’t make any sense.” –CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</p>	<p>Block grant Medicaid, housing, job training, and other social services to the states. –Made in America Plan</p> <p>“I would say [to states facing challenges funding Medicaid]: here’s the money. Here’s a block of money.” –CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</p>
MITT ROMNEY	<p>Medicare is reformed as a premium support system, meaning that existing spending is repackaged as a fixed-amount benefit to each senior that he or she can use to purchase an insurance plan. –Fact Sheet from Mitt Romney website: Mitt Romney and Medicare</p> <p>Called turning Medicare into a voucher program, “a very important step. We’re going to have to make changes like the ones Paul Ryan proposed.” –Cedar Rapids Town Hall, 12/9/11, on the Ryan-Wyden proposal.</p>	<p>“The eligibility age [of Medicare] should slowly increase to keep pace with increases in longevity.” –Remarks at Americans for Prosperity Conference, 11/4/11</p>	<p>Promises to, “block grant Medicaid to the states.” –Mitt Romney website</p> <p>Called on Congress to take money from Medicaid to prevent cuts to defense contractors. –Remarks at BAE System, 11/21/11</p>
NEWT GINGRICH	<p>In December 2011, called turning Medicare into a voucher program a “major breakthrough.” –Tweet by Gingrich on Ryan-Wyden plan.</p> <p>In May 2011, called turning Medicare into a voucher program “right-wing social engineering.” –NBC’s Meet the Press, regarding H.Con. Res.34</p>	<p>“Would have voted for the Ryan budget,” which proposed raising the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to 69. –Interview with Rush Limbaugh, 5/19/11</p> <p>Opposes mandatory increase in the Medicare eligibility age. –Gingrich campaign website, 11/3/11</p>	<p>“The first step is to repeal Obamacare. [Then] block grant Medicaid. And block grant all remaining welfare programs.” –Head-to-head debate between Herman Cain & Newt Gingrich, 10/5/11</p>
RON PAUL	<p>Wants to end Medicare altogether.</p> <p>“Probably the worst thing that we ever did was make medical care the responsibility of the government.” –Republican Congressional Health Care Caucus, November 2011</p>	<p>Wants to end Medicare altogether.</p>	<p>Wants to end Medicaid altogether.</p>