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"We can start by lowering the eligibility age of Medicare to 55 and eventually get to National Improved Medicare for All."

THE FACT

Lowering the Medicare age to 55 is a small step that leaves many people out. It is not a better fix than National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives). That bill covers every resident from birth to end of life. A plan that helps only some of us also weakens the unity we need to win healthcare for all of us.

WHY MEDICARE AT 55 FALLS SHORT

Lowering the age sounds like an easy first step. Here is what it really does.

1. **It is a small change, not a full fix.** It adds one more age group to the Medicare program we already have.
2. **It brings in people who cost more to cover.** Adults ages 55 to 64 are more likely to need care, and that care costs more.
3. **It keeps out people who cost less to cover.** Younger, healthier people stay outside the program, so it misses the benefit of sharing costs across everyone.
4. **It leaves many people out.** Anyone younger than 55 gets no new coverage.
5. **It pulls us apart.** When only some people are covered, it weakens the unity we need to win healthcare for everyone.

WHAT NATIONAL IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL DOES

- ✓ **Covers every resident.** No one is left out because of their age.
- ✓ **Covers you from birth to end of life.** You never have to wait for a birthday to get healthcare.
- ✓ **Brings everyone into one plan.** Including younger, healthier people helps balance the cost of care for everyone.
- ✓ **A complete change, not a patch.** It is built to cover everyone fully, not one age group at a time.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Lowering the Medicare age to 55 helps some people and leaves many others behind. National Improved Medicare for All covers every resident, with healthcare from birth to end of life. Let's fight for the plan that covers all of us.

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