



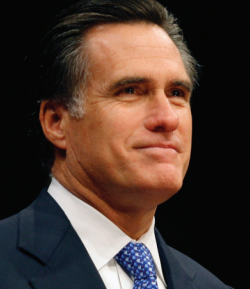











# EVERY Major Republican Candidate Spells DANGER for Medicare and Medicaid

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<b>SANTORUM</b> 				
<b>ROMNEY</b> 				
<b>GINGRICH</b> 		 FLIP FLOP	 FLIP FLOP	
<b>PAUL</b> 			?*	?*

\*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.”  <a href="#">–CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</a></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.”  <a href="#">–CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</a></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.”  <a href="#">–CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</a></p>	<p>Block grant Medicaid, housing, job training, and other social services to the states.  <a href="#">–Made in America Plan</a></p> <p>“I would say [to states facing challenges funding Medicaid]: here’s the money. Here’s a block of money.”  <a href="#">–CNS News Interview, 1/24/11</a></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.  <a href="#">–Fact Sheet from Mitt Romney website: Mitt Romney and Medicare</a></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.”  <a href="#">–Cedar Rapids Town Hall, 12/9/11</a>, on the Ryan-Wyden proposal.</p>	<p>“The eligibility age [of Medicare] should slowly increase to keep pace with increases in longevity.”  <a href="#">–Remarks at Americans for Prosperity Conference, 11/4/11</a></p>	<p>Promises to, “block grant Medicaid to the states.”  <a href="#">–Mitt Romney website</a></p> <p>Called on Congress to take money from Medicaid to prevent cuts to defense contractors.  <a href="#">–Remarks at BAE System, 11/21/11</a></p>
NEWT GINGRICH	<p>In December 2011, called turning Medicare into a voucher program a “major breakthrough.”  <a href="#">–Tweet</a> by Gingrich on Ryan-Wyden plan.</p> <p>In May 2011, called turning Medicare into a voucher program “right-wing social engineering.”  <a href="#">–NBC’s Meet the Press</a>, 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.  <a href="#">–Interview with Rush Limbaugh, 5/19/11</a></p> <p>Opposes mandatory increase in the Medicare eligibility age.  <a href="#">–Gingrich campaign website, 11/3/11</a></p>	<p>“The first step is to repeal Obamacare. [Then] block grant Medicaid. And block grant all remaining welfare programs.”  <a href="#">–Head-to-head debate between Herman Cain &amp; Newt Gingrich, 10/5/11</a></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.”  <a href="#">–Republican Congressional Health Care Caucus, November 2011</a></p>	<p>Wants to end Medicare altogether.</p>	<p>Wants to end Medicaid altogether.</p>