



# NRLN Review



## **NRLN Review, Summary for October 2023**

The NRLN Review provides a monthly report on National Retiree Legislative Network actions, events in Congress and important retirement news.

## **Read Fall 2023 NRLN FOCUS Newsletter**

The fall 2023 NRLN FOCUS Newsletter was posted on NRLN website on October 22. [Click here to read the 4-page newsletter.](#)

The newsletter includes:

- NRLN President Bill Kadereit's column: *Fly-In Takes NRLN Issues to Capitol Hill*
- NRLN Executive Director Alyson Parker's column: *More Chaos Than Usual In the U.S. House*

## **Medicare Enrollment Period October 15 - December 7**

The NRLN President's Forum Message posted on the NRLN website home page at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org) provides valuable information on how to shop for a Medicare Supplement Plan (Medigap) during the Medicare Enrollment Period October 15 - December 7.

The Forum message provides tips on how to become prepared so you can get the best deal for your senior healthcare coverage. Preparation is important If you are enrolling in Medicare for the first time or at any time during 2023 and in future years. Get prepared before you call a healthcare insurance company, an insurance agent or that advertised 800 number in commercials.

A video posted as part of the Forum message shows how to navigate the [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov) website to find the prices for Medigap plans in your zip code area.

### **NRLN Legislative Committees' Work Deferred**

The NRLN's Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) composed of Judy Stenberg, Chairwoman, Deb Morrisett, Joe Mazzei, and Al Duscher did not submit bills for the Legislative Action Planning Committee (LAPC) to consider for action in October since a majority of LAPC members had just participated in the NRLN Fly-In to Washington, DC the last week of September. The LAPC includes Bill Kadereit, Chairman, Judy Stenberg, Alyson Parker, Martha Deahl and Ed Beltram. The LAPC's actions included:

### **Key News Articles Posted in October**

During October 66 links to news articles related to retirement issues were researched and posted daily IN THE NEWS on the NRLN website home page. The headlines below are links to the articles. Or, read the articles at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org) under IN THE NEWS in the right column. Scroll down the right column and click on the headline to access the article you want to read. Below are some of the headline links.

**[Will Social Security be there for me when I retire? Here's how the agency's chief actuary answers that common question.](#)** -

**October 30**

**[Joe Biden Wants to Change Social Security, but His Plan Would Cost America \\$273 Billion](#)** - October 29

**[Medicare Guide 2024: Big mistakes to avoid](#)** - October 29

**[False Medicare ads shot up in past years. Here's how you spot a scam](#)** - October 27

**[Former HealthSun exec accused of Medicare fraud resulting in \\$53 mln overpayment](#)** - October 26

**[New GOP House Speaker Mike Johnson has proposed trillions in cuts to Social Security and Medicare](#)** - October 26, 2023

**[Medicare will negotiate drug prices with Big Pharma for the first time. Here's how your prescription costs might change](#)** -

**October 25**

**[The Latest Medicare Enrollment Scams And How You Can Avoid Becoming A Victim](#)** - October 25

**[Medicare Advantage is great. Except for taxpayers](#)** - October 25

**[How the Average Retirement Age and Wage Will Change in 10 Years for Men vs. Women](#)** - October 25

**[6 Changes Coming to Social Security in 2024 and Who Could Be Affected Most](#)** - October 24

[\*\*Opinion: New rules mean required withdrawals from retirement accounts have become even more complex\*\*](#) - October 24

[\*\*Social Security: Review Team Appointed in Overpayment Scandal -- Could Situation Get Worse?\*\*](#) - October 23

[\*\*Americans' Faith in Institutions Has Been Sliding for Years. the Chaos in Congress Isn't Helping\*\*](#) - October 21, 2023

[\*\*Shady Medicare Advantage Plan Tactics Blasted at Senate Hearing\*\*](#) - October 19

[\*\*Under fire, Social Security chief vows review of payment clawbacks\*\*](#) - October 19

[\*\*Senators Demand Answers From Social Security on Clawbacks Tied to Covid Relief\*\*](#) - October 19

[\*\*Hospitals sour on Medicare Advantage: 8 things to know\*\*](#) - October 17

[\*\*How to Unbreak Congress, According to History\*\*](#) - October 16

[\*\*Medicare will remove limits on PET scans used with new Alzheimer's drugs\*\*](#) - October 16

[\*\*Let's Be Blunt: Social Security's 2024 Cost-of-Living Adjustment \(COLA\) Is a Letdown in More Ways Than One\*\*](#) - October 15

[\*\*Social Security: Why are politicians asking the wrong questions?\*\*](#) - October 12

[\*\*Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment set at 3.2%\*\*](#) - October 12

[\*\*Standard Medicare Monthly Premium Rises \\$10 to \\$174.70\*\*](#) - October 12

[\*\*Will 3.2% Social Security 2024 COLA be enough to help seniors recover from inflation?\*\*](#) - October 12

[\*\*BBB warns of Medicare scams as open enrollment begins\*\*](#) - October 11

[\*\*Get Your Medicare Vaccinations At The Right Place Or Prepare To Pay\*\*](#) - October 11

[\*\*More Medicare Advantage fraud? Aetna received \\$25.5M in overpayments, says HHS\*\*](#) - October 11

[\*\*Medicare restrictions hinder access to newly FDA-approved Alzheimer's treatment, says health policy expert\*\*](#) - October 10

[\*\*Medicare enrollment: What you need to know without listening to Joe Namath in commercials\*\*](#) - October 9

[\*\*Denied by AI: Medicare Advantage's 'predictive' software cuts off care, say feds\*\*](#) - October 9

[\*\*If You Don't Know Medicare Advantage Is a Scam, You're Not Paying Attention\*\*](#) - October 7, 2023

[\*\*New Bill Aims to Enable Virtual Cardiac Rehab for Medicare Patients\*\*](#) - October 6

[\*\*Feds Rein In Use of Predictive Software That Limits Care for Medicare Advantage Patients\*\*](#) - October 5

**Private Insurers Milk Taxpayers Up to \$140 Billion a Year Via Medicare Advantage - October 4**

*Biden: Makers of all 10 drugs selected for Medicare price negotiations are on board - October 3*

**DOJ: Cigna will pay \$172 million to settle claims about false data in Medicare Advantage plans - October 2**

*Opinion: Most people think saving Social Security is urgent -- we need leaders who agree - October 2*

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