

[Medicare]

[1962]

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Illinois

United States Senate
Minority Leader

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Dear . . .

I appreciate your wire and assure you that I will oppose any efforts to amend the medical care bill to bring it under the compulsory social security system. Be assured this is having good attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen

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ROBO: MEDICARE

September 7, 1960

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Dear ...:

The real controversy over the health plan for the aged on which Congress acted during the last Session ranged over three basic items, which might be stated in the form of questions.

Should it be a federally operated system? Should it be financed through social security taxes or through general revenues? Should it be all-inclusive or cover only the medically needy?

Both House and Senate by majority votes determined that the plan should be operated by the states in line with certain basic criteria developed by the Federal Government, that it should be financed by state and federal governments with the federal share coming out of general revenues, and that it should be limited to the medically needy.

I consider this a sound approach, and it is a significant step forward in the field of health care for the aged. As time goes on the program can be refined within this basic framework and become a truly effective program.

Sincerely,

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ROBO: ANTI MEDICAL CARE

September 8, 1960

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Dear

With a 2 to 1 Democratic Majority in the Congress it was fairly obvious that some type of medical care for the aged proposal would be approved and it thus became our task to assure that it would not be compulsory under social security, that it would help those who needed it most, that the states would share in the expense, and that it would be administered by the states.

I do appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen