

What Others Are Saying about the Coburn-Lieberman Bipartisan Proposal to Save Medicare

"Under their plan, the age of eligibility for Medicare would gradually increase to 67 from 65, starting in 2014. The proposal assumes the continued implementation of President Barack Obama's health care law. Under the Coburn-Lieberman plan, seniors would be eligible to participate in the health care exchanges created by that law" – [Roll Call](#)

"This is a serious start. Without remedial action, Medicare faces a long-term unfunded liability of almost \$37 trillion. The Medicare hospitalization trust fund is running a deficit of \$34.1 billion this year alone. While the program has become an engine of deficits and debt, the first step toward reform is revamping the traditional Medicare program. That is what the Coburn-Lieberman proposal would accomplish" – [The Heritage Foundation](#)

"Joe Lieberman today teamed with Tom Coburn to push legislation that would cut Medicare by \$640 billion over the next ten years by reducing benefits and making old people pay more for their care. That's called courage in Washington" – [Huffington Post](#)

"Coburn and Lieberman would also cap the amount Medicare beneficiaries have to pay for care in the event of a serious illness. Medicare currently requires people in the program to pay a share of the costs for each hospital stay, amounts that can rise quickly with long-term illness or the need for intensive care" – [Bloomberg](#)

"High-level negotiations between Republicans and Democrats on how to reform entitlements to reduce deficits and raise the debt ceiling to avoid a default have stalled for now, but a bipartisan duo today introduced their own plan" – [ABC News](#)

"Sens. Joseph I. Lieberman (I-Conn.) and Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) unveiled the proposal as part of a bipartisan effort to produce the kind of savings necessary to achieve the \$2 trillion in debt reduction both parties say is needed to convince reticent lawmakers to vote to raise the debt ceiling" – [The Washington Post](#)

"The heart of the Lieberman-Coburn bill is its reform of cost-sharing. A big part of the reason why Medicare spending is through the roof is because seniors pay for almost none of their own care, and therefore have no incentive to be mindful of unneeded or excessive treatments and tests. Lieberman-Coburn proposes important reforms to this system..." – [Forbes](#)

"Lieberman and Coburn urged their fellow lawmakers to think about the next generation rather than the next election" – [Daily Caller](#)