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As an older person I am interested primarily in Medicare and its effect on others in my same situation. I will address three primary issues.

1. The lack of an organized and compassionate method for enrolling citizens in the program is abhorrent. I realize you can complete process utilizing a computer; however, most people trying to enroll are older and not computer literate.
2. Many persons upon being referred to a specialist find that only a few specialist accept Medicare. This summer I was referred by my dentist to an oral surgeon for a biopsy. Trying to schedule an appointment, I found if I waited for one who accepted Medicare it would take at least three months. If I paid out of pocket, I could be seen within a week. I paid out of pocket. Others might not have this option.
3. The lack of adequate prescription coverage is a paramount concern. For one medication using medicare coupled with my private insurance the cost after my co-pay is \$200. Needless to say I do not fill that prescription. As a person who has paid into Medicare since its inception, currently pays \$125 monthly for Medicare in addition to the \$48 for supplemental insurance, I feel that Medicare (single payer), while being the answer for our nation, needs to be improved

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I hope that this is adequate for your needs. I am unable to attend; however, a friend (Paula Schramm or one of her traveling companions) has agreed to read the statement. Good luck in your endeavors. Judy