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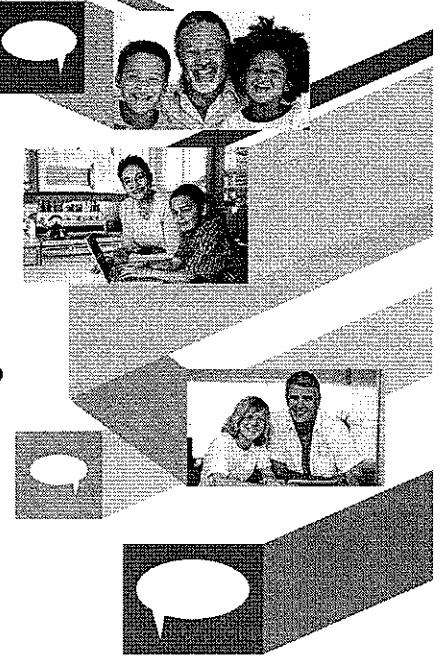
You have a say in so many of the important decisions in life for you and your family. Don't you think you deserve a say in the future of Medicare—a program you've been paying into your entire working life? Are you tired of politicians in Washington talking behind closed doors about Medicare?

That's why AARP launched "You've Earned a Say," a national conversation so you can have a voice in the future of Medicare.

Today, Medicare provides guaranteed, affordable health care for millions of Americans. But Medicare faces a number of challenges in the coming years, including rising health costs and a growing number of people entering the program.

The next President and Congress may well determine the future of Medicare. You've worked too hard to let them make decisions about your Medicare without hearing from you.

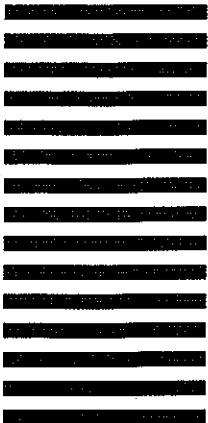
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1. According to the Medicare Trustees, Medicare can pay full benefits for about 10 years and 90 percent of promised hospital benefits after that. In order to ensure all benefits can be paid, do you think changes should be made?

- Major changes should be made now
- Some changes should be made now, but we should wait before making any major changes
- We should wait a few years before making major changes
- No changes should be made

2. Which of the following do you think is the biggest challenge facing Medicare?

- Medicare payroll taxes are not keeping up with benefit needs
- Rising cost of health care
- Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket costs are too high
- On average, seniors receive more in Medicare benefits than they pay in
- Growing senior population and longer retirements
- None of the above/Other _____

3. Which of these statements do you agree with more?

- All future retirees should continue to get guaranteed coverage and care as seniors do now
- Future retirees should be given a set amount of money to choose among many insurance plans with different benefits and costs

4. People have different views about changing Medicare. Which comes closest to your personal view?

- Medicare is too important to consider major changes
- We need a balanced approach of benefit and revenue changes to make sure Medicare is there for future retirees
- The Medicare system is so broken that it should be completely changed for future retirees

5. Medicare funding mostly comes from dedicated Medicare taxes, premiums from people in Medicare, and general federal revenues. As health care costs rise, what's the best source for additional Medicare funds?

- General federal revenues
- Dedicated Medicare taxes
- Premiums from people in Medicare
- None of the above
- Other _____

6. What's the one thing you would do to strengthen Medicare for future retirees?

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