

National Committee to
Preserve Social Security
and Medicare



Barbara B. Kennelly
President &
Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Blanche Lincoln
355 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lincoln:

On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, I am writing to endorse your legislation, the *Geriatric Assessment and Chronic Care Coordination Act of 2007*.

We understand your legislation would offer a geriatric assessment and care management services to Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions. Some of the chronic care services available to beneficiaries may include: medication monitoring and management; education and counseling; referral to community services and hospice services; and 24-hour access to healthcare professionals.

Nearly 20 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have five or more chronic conditions and these individuals account for almost 70 percent of all Medicare spending. Providing geriatric assessments and care management would improve beneficiary health and would likely produce significant financial savings to the Medicare program.

We look forward to working with you towards passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of our nation's seniors.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara B. Kennelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara B. Kennelly
President and CEO