

The Nursing Home Industry, Money and Politics.
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Ever wonder why Congress has not yet enacted the Community Choice Act, so people with disabilities on Medicaid would have a real choice to where they wish to live_ in the community or only in a nursing home?

Ever think about why Congress has not wanted to save funds by eliminating the nursing home bias in Medicaid, since report after report shows it's cheaper in the community?

Ever wonder why, with poll-after-poll showing overwhelmingly that senior citizens and people with disabilities want to live in the community and not in nursing facilities, but federal Medicaid still goes overwhelmingly for nursing homes?

How about why even our friends in Congress do not seem to make enactment of the Community Choice their top priority.

How about the following breakdown from www.maplight.org "Money and Politics: Illuminating the Connection." Here is a list of U.S. Senators and House of Representatives who have received funds from the nursing home industry.

Telephone your U.S. Senators and House of Representatives them and ask them if the money they received from the nursing home industry has anything to do with why the Community Choice Act has not yet been enacted?

When they tell you they support the Community Choice Act or they are even cosponsors, ask them why it has not yet been enacted?

When they tell you they really support the Community Choice Act, ask them will they refuse all future money from the nursing home industry and to return the amounts listed below.

Recipient and Amount -

John McCain	\$129,650
John Kerry	\$121,825
Max Baucus	\$ 78,800
John Boehner	\$ 77,850
Joseph Lieberman	\$ 75,600
Benjamin Cardin	\$ 66,350
Debbie Ann Stabenow	\$ 60,000
Steny Hoyer	\$ 57,600
Ron Wyden	\$ 55,000
Jim Gerlach	\$ 54,995
Mitch McConnell	\$ 54,050
Frank Pallone	\$ 50,500
Eric Cantor	\$ 50,150
Mike Ross	\$ 48,750
Blanche Lincoln	\$ 47,700
Nathan Deal	\$ 46,250
Lamar Alexander	\$ 46,100
Earl Pomeroy	\$ 46,000
Richard Shelby	\$ 45,500

Charles Rangel	\$ 45,000
Kent Conrad	\$ 44,880
Richard Burr	\$ 44,716
Roy Blunt	\$ 43,500
Christopher Van Hollen	\$ 43,500
Arlen Specter	\$ 42,950
Barton Gordon	\$ 40,300
Christopher Dodd	\$ 40,100
Robert Berry	\$ 37,600
Allyson Schwartz	\$ 36,050
Mel Martinez	\$ 35,050
Zach Wamp	\$ 34,700
James Barrett	\$ 34,000
C. Thompson	\$ 33,325
John Rockefeller	\$ 33,200
Charles Grassley	\$ 33,000
Paul Ryan	\$ 32,750
Virginia Brown-Waite	\$ 31,985
Richard Durbin	\$ 31,600
Susan Collins	\$ 31,500
Olympia Snowe	\$ 30,920
Jon Kyl	\$ 30,806
Shelley Capito	\$ 30,300
Stephen Buyer	\$ 30,000
Jim DeMint	\$ 30,000
Barbara Mikulski	\$ 29,100
Harry Reid	\$ 28,000
Tim Murphy	\$ 27,950
John Dingell	\$ 27,750
Roger Wicker	\$ 27,350
Xavier Becerra	\$ 26,500
Joe Barton	\$ 26,100
Joseph Pitts	\$ 26,000
John Shadegg	\$ 25,995
Mark Warner	\$ 25,925
Anna Eshoo	\$ 25,500
Greg Walden	\$ 24,800
Geoff Davis	\$ 24,731
James Marshall	\$ 24,700
Nancy Pelosi	\$ 24,500
Orrin Hatch	\$ 24,000
Bob Corker	\$ 23,300
Mark Pryor	\$ 23,300
John Shimkus	\$ 23,000
Mark Udall	\$ 22,850
David Camp	\$ 22,750
Lindsey Graham	\$ 22,500
Lois Capps	\$ 22,500
Robert Andrews	\$ 22,200
Pat Roberts	\$ 21,750
John Larson	\$ 21,500
George Radanovich	\$ 21,000
John Spratt	\$ 20,750
Evan Bayh	\$ 20,350
Melissa Bean	\$ 19,470
James Clyburn	\$ 19,250
Elijah Cummings	\$ 19,000

Thomas Harkin	\$ 19,000
Tim Johnson	\$ 18,500
Zachary Space	\$ 18,450
Ron Klein	\$ 18,000
James Langevin	\$ 17,500
David Obey	\$ 17,500
John Ensign	\$ 17,500
Mike Pence	\$ 17,400
Byron Dorgan	\$ 17,000
Patrick Kennedy	\$ 17,000
John Sullivan	\$ 16,864
Michael Arcuri	\$ 16,800
Artur Davis	\$ 16,750
Steve Kagen	\$ 16,450
John Boozman	\$ 16,300
John Lewis	\$ 16,250
Jason Altmire	\$ 16,000
Ralph Hall	\$ 15,500
Michael Rogers	\$ 15,500
John Yarmuth	\$ 15,400
Ben Nelson	\$ 15,350
Robert Casey	\$ 15,200
Shelley Berkley	\$ 15,000
Jerry Lewis	\$ 15,000
Patrick Tiberi	\$ 15,000
George Miller	\$ 15,000
Leonard Boswell	\$ 14,850
John Adler	\$ 14,800
Baron Hill	\$ 14,500
Jeff Bingaman	\$ 14,500
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin	\$ 14,200
Timothy Walz	\$ 14,000
Harry Mitchell	\$ 14,000
Jean Schmidt	\$ 13,800
Niki Tsongas	\$ 13,550
Fortney Stark	\$ 13,500
Henry Waxman	\$ 13,500
Kay Hagan	\$ 13,500
Tom Udall	\$ 13,430
John Bocchieri	\$ 13,320
Lee Terry	\$ 13,200
Richard Lugar	\$ 13,000
Doris Matsui	\$ 13,000
Charles Schumer	\$ 13,000
Kirsten Gillibrand	\$ 13,000
Christopher Murphy	\$ 12,750
Michael Rogers	\$ 12,750
Jim Bunning	\$ 12,750
Edward Kennedy	\$ 12,750
Samuel Graves	\$ 12,500
Lincoln Davis	\$ 12,500
Mike Johanns	\$ 12,300
Rodney Alexander	\$ 12,050
Joe Courtney	\$ 12,000
Michael Burgess	\$ 12,000
Gabrielle Giffords	\$ 12,000
Jefferson Sessions	\$ 12,000

John Gingrey	\$ 11,800
Thomas Edwards	\$ 11,750
Christopher Bond	\$ 11,700
Barney Frank	\$ 11,500
Bill Nelson	\$ 11,050
Dianne Feinstein	\$ 11,000
John Barrow	\$ 11,000
Bobby Bright	\$ 10,850
Ciro Rodriguez	\$ 10,800
Janice Schakowsky	\$ 10,750
Victor Snyder	\$ 10,750
Charles Gonzalez	\$ 10,500
Sander Levin	\$ 10,500
Heath Shuler	\$ 10,500
Jo Ann Emerson	\$ 10,500
Judd Gregg	\$ 10,500
Tim Holden	\$ 10,250
John Reed	\$ 10,200

There are many others who received less than \$10,000.

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