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**NEW NCPA REPORT: HEALTH REFORM IMPACT ON ELDERLY & DISABLED  
Two Former Trustees at September 8th Capitol Hill Briefing on Medicare Cuts**

**DALLAS, TX (Sept. 8, 2010)** – Finding accessible and quality care for the elderly and disabled will become increasingly difficult because of the “stunning” reduction in Medicare spending in the coming years, according to a new findings from the [National Center for Policy Analysis](#) (NCPA). The analysis examines both the new Medicare Trustees’ Report and the controversial Office of the Actuary’s Illustrative Alternative Report, released in August.

New NCPA analysis here:

[How the ACA Will Affect the Elderly and Disabled on Medicare](#)

[http://www.ncpa.org/pdfs/2010\\_Trustees\\_Analysis\\_for\\_9-8-10\\_briefing-Final.pdf](http://www.ncpa.org/pdfs/2010_Trustees_Analysis_for_9-8-10_briefing-Final.pdf)

Experts speaking at the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Capitol Hill briefing include:

**David M. Walker:** Former Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare  
Former Comptroller General of the United States  
President and CEO, The Peter G. Peterson Foundation

**Thomas R. Saving:** Former Public Trustee, Social Security and Medicare  
Dir., Private Enterprise Research Center and Professor of Economics, Texas A&M University  
NCPA Senior Fellow

**John C. Goodman:** President and CEO, and Kellye Wright Fellow  
National Center for Policy Analysis

**The briefing on the new report will cover:**

How the Affordable Care Act will affect the elderly and disabled on Medicare.

The magnitude of the planned reductions in Medicare spending over the next 75 years.

Medicare payments to doctors and hospitals are going to fall below Medicaid levels by 2019, and will fall increasingly behind Medicaid in future years.

Medicare will only be paying two-thirds the fees paid by private plans by 2019, and will pay only half as much by mid-century.

What these payment rates imply for access to and quality of care for the elderly and the disabled.

While the payment rates under Medicare continue to fall further behind through time, health care spending by the rest of the population is going to continue to rise at historic rates. Does this mean that the elderly and the disabled will be in a separate, lower quality health care system?

**WHAT:** Briefing on Medicare/Social Security Trustees' Report Impact

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 8, 2010  
Noon – 1:15pm

**WHERE:** Congressional Meeting Room -- South  
Capitol Visitor Center  
Washington, DC  
*Lunch will be served*

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