



The Health Care Compact will Hurt Utah's Seniors

"AARP has worked very hard to protect and strengthen the Medicare benefits that our members count on. For that reason, we **oppose SB 208**," states Danny Harris, Associate State Director of Advocacy for AARP Utah.

If Utah joined the Health Care Compact, the Medicare senior insurance program would be handed to the state to run, with **fewer dollars** than are currently spent. "More than **280,000 Utah's seniors depend on Medicare** for their health care security. Rural communities –including upwards of 25% of Piute County residents, nearly 20% of Kane County residents, and 18% of Carbon, Daggett and Garfield Counties— would be especially hurt" adds Mr. Harris.

"As a legislator, under the limited funds of the Compact, you would have to tell seniors that you are either **cutting provider rates** which would **limit the number of doctors** who accept Medicare patients, or **cut benefits** to coverage or a combination of both. The only other option would then be to take state funding from other programs to pay for the inflationary costs of this massive program."

This compact would **jeopardize security, choice, and benefits for seniors** in Utah who rely on the Medicare program for their health care coverage.

AARP Utah opposes SB208, Health Care Compact (Sen. Adams). It's bad policy and will hurt Utah's seniors.

Vote NO on SB208