

# WisDems: Ron Johnson's attacks on Medicare and Medicaid

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Over 2.5 million Wisconsinites rely on Medicare and Medicaid, but that hasn't stopped Ron Johnson from trying to cut these vital programs to pay for handouts for giant corporations at the expense of Wisconsin seniors and families, including children.

Johnson has voted three times to end Medicare as we know it, gutting funding, driving up out of pocket costs for seniors, and raising the eligibility age. In addition, Johnson has tried to rip away health care coverage from Wisconsin seniors, children, and disabled individuals by cutting Medicaid. Most recently in what was one of his most callous votes yet, Johnson voted against allowing Medicaid to cover the COVID-19 vaccine, prevention, and treatment, as well as against funding that would allow seniors to receive quality care in their community, not just nursing homes.

Check out a snapshot of Johnson's dangerous anti Medicare & Medicaid record below:

- Over [1,193,000 Wisconsinites receive Medicare](#), while [another 1,353,000](#), including children, receive Medicaid.
- [Johnson voted multiple times](#) to [end Medicare as we know it](#), which the CBO found would greatly drive up out of pocket costs for senior Wisconsinites.
  - The legislation would also [raise the Medicare eligibility age](#) from 65 to 67.
- Johnson also [voted against expanding Medicare coverage](#) for Wisconsinites.
- But Johnson didn't stop at just trying to rip Medicare coverage away from older Wisconsinites — he also [voted against protecting existing coverage](#).
- Johnson was all too giddy that Wisconsin didn't expand Medicaid coverage like the majority of other states.
  - Johnson went so far as to try and [kill Medicaid expansion in other states](#).