

Lisa Schliff: Medicare voucher proposal a bad idea

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In 1994, my sister Diana was struck in the head by a concrete building block that had rolled off a Caltrans hillside construction site and crashed through the front windshield of the car she was riding in.

Many years later she still suffers permanent damage, including visual, hearing, cognitive impairment and PTSD. Her ability to make a living as a legal secretary abruptly came to an end. Thank goodness Medicare covers a great deal of her many medical needs or she would be suffering even more.

If the present administration succeeds in passing the voucher proposal for Medicare, it will increase costs and risks for everybody who needs it. A voucher program would move Diana into poverty. Many other Americans with disabilities would suffer the same fate.

Please call, write, email Congressman LaMalfa to let him know that you don't want him to approve Medicare cuts for the Fiscal Year 2018. My sister and all senior citizens who have paid into the system should be able to receive the full Medicare benefits they so greatly deserve.

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