

## Learn More About Health Care Reform: Attend a Health Action Now Kick-Off

Millions of Americans and businesses nationwide are paying skyrocketing prices for health care that costs too much, wastes too much and makes too many mistakes. It's time to improve health care so all Americans have affordable health care choices.

Come find out more about AARP's Health Action Now campaign and how you can get involved.

**DATE:** Thursday, May 28, 2009

**TIME:** 9:00 am SHARP to 12:00 noon

**LOCATION:** Westside Jewish Community Center  
5870 W. Olympic Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

**RSVP:** Please call 1(877) 926-8300  
Free parking & light refreshments will be available.

Health Action Now is an effort by AARP to urge Congress to provide all Americans with affordable health care choices. ***NOTE: AARP CEO William Novelli wrote the preface to Newt Gingrich's latest book "Saving Lives Saving Money".***

**Those who can ....please attend the event below** to find out the AARP pitch and to counter the propaganda being used to enlist senior support for the private profiteering insurance industry .. AARP is on the move, working the crowd for promotion of the private industry friendly "reform" which is blocking the single payer -universal model.

**In 2003 AARP was a potent political force in enacting the Medicare legislation of 2003.** Otherwise labeled by Paul Krugman as the "multiplying the medical middleman" act. They are a powerful tool for expanding private health insurance markets for corporations.

**AARP fraudulently uses it's credibility as a consumer advocacy organization while it has multiple unacknowledged conflicts of interest.**

AARP depends upon the private insurance, drug & device industries for most of it's funding. In 2006 AARP realized \$430 million from it's branded products compared to \$240 million in dues. AARP cannot afford to consider the merits of a public financed not- for -profit system

**AARP is in collusion with the profiteering insurance and drug corporations seeking to deny single payer plans and to wreck any real public options.** In 2007 AARP crafted a 7-year agreement with United Health and Aetna to double enrollment in AARP health insurance products and collect \$1.5 billion in royalty payments.

## **AARP has a serious backroom conflict of interest as a membership**

**(38 million seniors) and "advocacy" organization.** AARP sells Pacific Care's branded Medicare Part D prescription drug plan "benefits" (privatization of Medicare). AARP lobbied for the 2003 huge consumer rip off MMA act- the "reform" of Medicare resulting in astronomical profits to Pharma and the Insurance giants using our tax dollars.

**AARP sold Medigap supplemental insurance policies and it's membership list to private companies.** It offered for cash it's name for industry endorsements and related activities. AARP assisted in the development of lucrative markets for private insurance groups through promotion of subsidized "Medicare Advantage" and "Health Savings accounts".

Information from the [below](#) excellent book "Do Not Resuscitate; Why the Health Insurance Industry is Dying..." by John Geyman, MD is highly recommended.

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“Geyman’s literary voice arises from his unusual professional and political trajectories: from country doctor to academic department chair and prominent journal editor, and from longtime Republican to president of Physicians for a National Health Program . . . a passionate advocate and scholar.”—**The New England Journal of Medicine**

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