



The 60 Billion Dollar Scam That's Costing Medicare An Arm And A Leg. And What We Can Do About It.

“How could Medicare pay some crook’s claim for prosthetic arms and legs for me when I’ve had all four original ones since birth?”



Last Sunday, a 60 Minutes feature exposed former cocaine dealers milking Medicare for more money than they ever made selling cocaine. Taxpayer dollars paid \$60 billion in phony claims for people who never lost an arm or a leg. It's so easy to get reimbursed that Medicare fraud, including claims for artificial limbs together with other medical equipment, is now the crime of choice in South Florida.

How do we stop it?

If Congress would implement **H.R. 2479**, it would set things right—at least for prosthetic limbs and orthotics. According to H.R. 2479, if you are not licensed, or an accredited provider according to strict education and training standards, you would not get paid by Medicare. Period.

And while this bill will eliminate the con artist, it also enhances quality care by creating strong professional standards for those providing care to people with limb loss. **While savings estimates, using the very conservative CBO-type techniques, conclude that enacting H.R. 2479 would save Medicare at least \$100 million annually (\$1 billion over 10 years), actual savings could be much higher.**

And if Congress wants to do something good for amputees, there's another bill they'll pass—H.R. 2575—which would keep private insurers from denying access to artificial limbs needed so amputees can return to work and productive lives! H.R. 2575 has no cost to government, and will actually save state Medicaid and vocational rehab expenditures.

Go to this web site to **urge passage of H.R. 2479 and H.R. 2575**. For once, Congress can SAVE some money...And stop the rip off.

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