

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1166

To allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. ROY, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. NORMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Retirement Freedom  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE TO OPT OUT**  
7 **OF THE MEDICARE PART A BENEFIT.**

8 Any individual who is otherwise entitled to benefits  
9 under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act may  
10 elect (in such form and manner as may be specified by

1 the Secretary of Health and Human Services) to opt out  
2 of such entitlement. Notwithstanding any other provision  
3 of law, in the case of an individual who makes such an  
4 election, such individual—

5           (1) may (in such form and manner as may be  
6           specified by the Secretary) subsequently choose to  
7           end such election and opt back into such entitlement  
8           (in accordance with a process determined by the  
9           Secretary) without being subject to any penalty;

10           (2) shall not be required to opt out of benefits  
11           under title II of such Act as a condition for making  
12           such election; and

13           (3) shall not be required to repay any amount  
14           paid under such part A for items and services fur-  
15           nished prior to making such election.

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