

# PAMA CUTS JEOPARDIZE SENIORS' HEALTH AND UNDERMINE PREVENTION EFFORTS



## CUTS TO MEDICARE LAB TESTS POSE LONG-TERM HARM TO OVER **53 MILLION** SENIORS

**77% of  
seniors**

HAVE AT LEAST TWO CHRONIC DISEASES

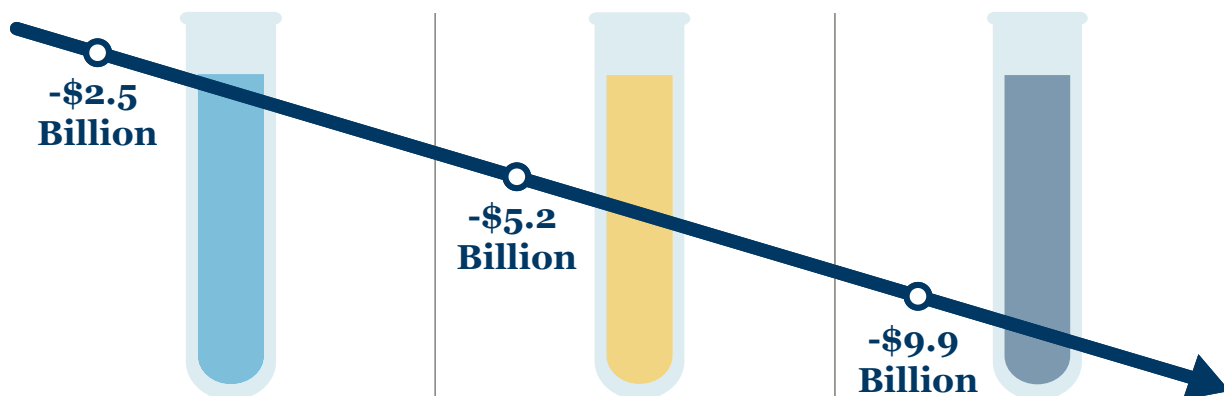


Successful disease prevention, monitoring and management require reliable access to routine lab testing.

## PUBLIC PROJECTIONS SEVERELY UNDERESTIMATED DEPTH OF PAMA CUTS

OMB and CBO projections relied on the assumption that PAMA would be carried out as Congress intended, but because of CMS' flawed implementation, impacts will be much greater than first predicted.

### Cuts to Medicare Lab Benefits Over 10 Years



CBO estimated  
**\$2.5 billion** in cuts

OMB estimated  
**\$5.2 billion** in cuts

In reality cuts will total  
**nearly \$9.9 billion**


# TESTS THAT SENIORS RELY ON THE MOST FACE THE BIGGEST CUTS



Two of the most common lab tests – the Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (CMP) and Complete Blood Count (CBC) – face staggering cuts. **Every day, seniors rely on these screening tools to identify and manage key health challenges, including:**

**1**


**Diabetes**



**12 million**  
seniors impacted

**2**


**Heart Disease**



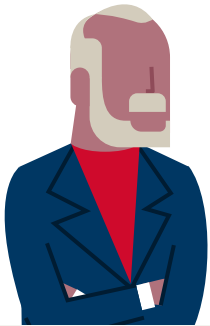
**Nearly 70%**  
of seniors impacted

**3**

**Kidney Disease**



**50%**  
of adults 75+ impacted



## CUTS TO LAB SERVICES UNDERMINE OUR ABILITY TO CONTROL COSTS LONG-TERM

While lab tests account for **less than 3 percent** of Medicare Part B spending, they provide critical medical insight that enables early diagnosis and successful disease management. These tests improve patient quality of life and drive meaningful savings for the health system.

### SUCCESSFUL DISEASE MANAGEMENT HAS THE POWER TO:



Reduce **Hospitalizations**  
by up to **24%**



Cut **Medicare costs**  
by **20%**



**Preventable complications from diabetes** cost the U.S.

**\$16 Billion** in avoidable spending.

Cuts to lab services threaten to **exacerbate this problem.**