PAMA CUTS COULD JEOPARDIZE SENIORS' HEALTH AND UNDERMINE PREVENTION EFFORTS

CUTS TO MEDICARE LAB TESTS POSE LONG-TERM HARM TO OVER 56 MILLION SENIORS

77% of seniors

HAVE AT LEAST TWO CHRONIC DISEASES

PAMA Cuts Have Already Forced Labs to Reduce Services*

Of labs surveyed by the Infectious Disease Society of America:

Nearly **8 in 10 labs** reported that they would be unable to provide the full range of tests following 2018-2019 cuts

Over **32% of labs** have cut back on services ofered

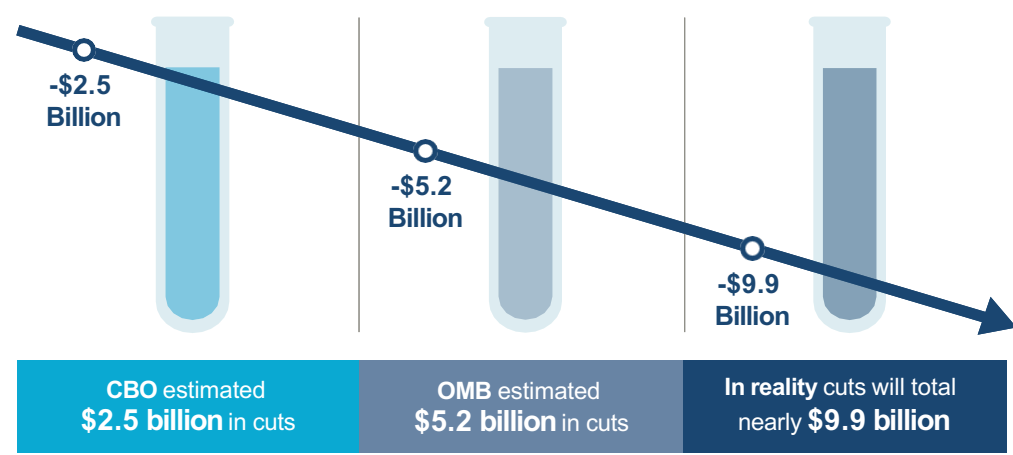Nearly **40% of labs** are now referring tests to diferent labs

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 based on data assumptions pre-COVID-19.

Cuts to Medicare Lab Benefits Over 10 Years

-$2.5 Billion

-$5.2 Billion

-$9.9 Billion

CBO estimated **$2.5 billion** in cuts	**OMB** estimated **$5.2 billion** in cuts	**In reality** cuts will total nearly **$9.9 billion**

*Data acquired from Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) member survey on impacts of PAMA cuts

TESTS THAT SENIORS RELY ON THE MOST FACE THE BIGGEST CUTS

Two of the most common lab tests – the Thyroid Hormone Testing 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 who are managing diabetes

2
Heart Disease

Nearly 70%
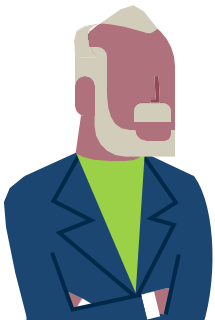of seniors impacted by heart disease

3
Thyroid Disease

25%
of nursing home patients have undiagnosed hypothyrodism

Cuts To Lab Services Could 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.**

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