

Public comment on recent meeting

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In reviewing the documents it is pretty clear that veteran services will remain unchanged since they are at the Federal level. I am assuming the same goes for ones ability to enter Medicare once age 65, since it is also federal, but it is not clear. I have had friends comment that enrolling in the CA single payer system would strip ones ability to ever get Medicare if they move to another state. Can some clarity be added as to how recipients could still enroll in Medicare while living in CA as well as enrolling after leaving the state as well if needed.

I love the idea of a state single payer system but I still want the ability to join Medicare at 65 is I so choose. I am assuming people still working would still pay their FICA taxes.

Thank you.