

The Promise of America

**President Lyndon B. Johnson's promise when he signed
the original Medicare/Medicaid legislation on June 30, 1965**

"No longer will older Americans be denied the healing miracle
Of modern medicine.

No longer
Will illness crush and destroy
The savings that they have so carefully put away over a lifetime
So that they might enjoy dignity in their later years.

No longer
Will young families see their own incomes, and their own
Hopes, eaten away simply because they are carrying out their
Deep moral obligations to care for their parents, their uncles,
And their aunts.

And no longer
Will this Nation refuse the hand of justice to
Those who have given a lifetime of service and wisdom and
Labor to the progress of this progressive country"

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Think About It

**This is not an entitlement or a “free” aid program:
You earned and paid for the Medicaid Legislation which
provides this “Promise to America” by the hundreds of
thousands of dollars you paid in taxes during your working
lifetime. – And, the complex regulations allow you to access
this benefit without “spending down” the assets you spent a
lifetime of work to accumulate so that, as Lyndon Johnson
promised, you might pass some on as a family legacy.**