



The Costly Failure of CMMI: Why Voters Demand Reform Now

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) was created under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to test ways to improve care and reduce costs. Predictably, rather than saving taxpayers money, **CMMI has become a costly and ineffective experiment in government-controlled healthcare.**

The ACA provided CMMI with **\$10 billion per decade in mandatory taxpayer support.** The Congressional Budget Office projected savings of \$2.8 billion between 2011-2020, but CMMI instead lost \$5.4 billion, and is projected to lose another \$1.3 billion by 2030. Its one-size-fits-all models **expand government control over healthcare**, burden providers, and limit patient choice without achieving its intended goals.

Bureaucrats in Washington should not hold the power to impose disruptive changes to Americans' healthcare – and voters agree.

An October 2025 national survey of 1,600 voters found strong support for reforming and reining in CMMI due to its wasteful spending, lack of accountability, and failed experiments in government-run healthcare.

Voters Support:

Better Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars

- **BY A 3-TO-1 MARGIN** (61% to 20%), voters agree that CMMI's models that fail to routinely generate substantial savings should be eliminated.
- **ONLY 29%** believe that CMMI's \$10 billion-per-decade budget is a good use of taxpayer dollars.

Greater Oversight and Accountability

- **78% ARE CONCERNED** that CMMI increases government control over personal healthcare decisions.
- **77% SUPPORT** increasing oversight and accountability of CMMI to ensure money is being spent prudently and efficiently.
- **76% SUPPORT** safeguards to prevent patients and doctors from being forced into mandatory, nationwide changes.

Empowering Patient Choice, Not Reducing It

- **76% BELIEVE** CMMI's models should allow greater flexibility for individual patient circumstances.
- **67% BELIEVE** conducting small-scale, voluntary tests that help doctors and patients tailor care to individual needs would be a better approach than CMMI's one-size-fits-all models.

Congress should listen to voters and act now to rein in CMMI's unchecked spending and restore accountability by:

- Suspending CMMI project spending and reviewing all current planned models for their impact on patients, providers, and taxpayers.
- Holding oversight hearings to evaluate CMMI's authority, transparency, and performance.
- Establishing clear guardrails that prioritize patient protections, transparency, and accountability.
- Eliminating or reforming CMMI to prevent further waste and protect the integrity of America's healthcare system.