

I do home care for my 97 year old mother. I could only secure coverage for her to allow a half hour. I've gathered printed information and I wanted to show up and leave my opinion.

I use the Home Health services provided by Providence and paid for by MediCare. I appreciate the excellent support, advice and information. The physical therapist, occupational therapist, nurse, and social worker are life savers. This help saves money and assures the best possible care for my mother. As we all know, the population is increasingly aging.

The second issue where I want to express my opinion is the absolute necessity for family planning support. As a neighborhood activist, retired teacher and Planned Parenthood volunteer. I know that quality of life and hope for children's success depends on having competent, educated mothers. They need mothers with a sense of themselves and a supportive family structure. As I've travelled the world, in no other country have I seen the tragic situation of children with addicted, troubled and uneducated single parents. There is no catch-up spending that can make-up for this tragic beginning. Please put money and effort into the importance of being ready and able to be a parent. I just don't see my tax dollars emphasizing this crucial need.

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