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#NVSen Factcheck: Berkley Cuts \$1 Trillion from Medicare, Puts Government in Charge

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(Reno, NV) – There is only one candidate in the race for U.S. Senate that has voted to raid Medicare, and that candidate is Shelley Berkley.

Fact: Shelley Berkley voted to cut \$1 trillion from Medicare.

- Cut 1: \$193 billion – H.R. 3162; Vote #787, Aug. 1, 2007; “Estimated Effect on Direct Spending and Revenues of H.R. 3162, the Children’s Health and Medicare Protection Act, for the Rules Committee,” Congressional Budget Office, Aug. 1, 2007
- Cut 2: \$716 billion – ObamaCare; Vote #165, H.R. 3590; Vote #167, H.R. 4872, March 21, 2010; Letter to the Honorable John Boehner, Congressional Budget Office, July 24, 2012
- Cut 3: \$123 billion – Budget Control Act; Vote #690, S 365, Aug. 1, 2011; “Estimated Impact of Automatic Budget Enforcement Procedures Specified in the Budget Control Act,” Congressional Budget Office, Sept. 12, 2011

Fact: \$700 billion of those cuts were used to pay for ObamaCare.

- Shelley Berkley voted for ObamaCare, which took funds from Medicare to pay for other parts of the bill. (*Vote #165, HR 3590, Vote #167 HR 4872, March 21, 2010*).
- The total cost to the Medicare program is \$716 billion. (*Letter to the Honorable John Boehner, Congressional Budget Office, July 24, 2012*

<http://cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/43471-hr6079.pdf>)

Fact: Even worse, Shelley Berkley voted to create a new panel of 15 Washington bureaucrats to ration Medicare. Now, Washington will decide what care seniors receive, not their doctor.

- “IPAB’s unelected members will have effectively unfettered power to impose taxes and ration care for all Americans, whether the government pays their medical bills or not. In some circumstances, just one political party or even one individual would have full command of IPAB’s lawmaking powers. IPAB truly is independent, but in the worst sense of the word. It wields power independent of Congress, independent of the president, independent of the judiciary, and independent of the will of the people. The creation of IPAB is an admission that the federal government’s efforts to plan America’s health care sector have failed. It is proof of the axiom that government control of the economy threatens democracy.” (*Diane Cohen, Michael F. Cannon, “The Independent Payment Advisory Board,” Cato Institute, June 14, 2012*)
- Votes for ObamaCare: Vote #165, HR 3590; Vote #167, HR 4872, March 21, 2010

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