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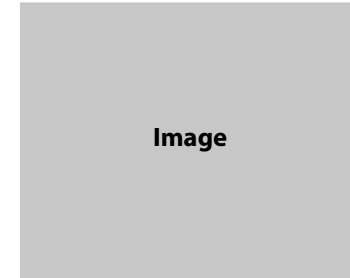
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A Public Assessment of the Proposed Mutual Fund Disclosure Forms: A Report on Investor and Non-Investor Views of Form Content and Presentation

In this study, more than 2,000 individuals age 35+ evaluated the clarity and effectiveness of two forms (which include both mutual fund "A" share forms and "B" share forms) proposed by the Security and Exchange Commission to give prospective mutual fund investors full information on costs and possible broker conflicts of interest. Read the Report >>

AARP Introduces Two New Tools to Understand Drug Pricing

Trends in Manufacturer Prices of Brand Name Prescription Drugs Used by Older Americans, 2000-2003; Rx Watchdog Report. Read the Press Release >>

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Access to Adequate Health Insurance

AARP President-Elect Erik Olsen testifies before the Senate Special Committee on Aging. Read the Congressional Testimony >>

Adams v. Master Carvers of Jamestown, Ltd.

AARP urges appeals court to overturn misreading of ADA provisions protecting persons "regarded as disabled" against discrimination in the workplace. Read the Legal Docket >>

Housing & Care Options

Boomers Envisioning Retirement—How Will They Fare?

Boomers will accumulate greater wealth and generate more income than previous generations, but a report released this week by AARP suggests that they are no more likely to maintain their pre-retirement living standards in old age. Read the Press Release >>

Health & Wellness

Drug Price Increases in 2003 Nearly Triple the Rate of Inflation According to New AARP Study

A new study released today by AARP finds prices for those brand-name prescription drugs most frequently used by older Americans and available in January 2000 increased, on average, a cumulative 27.6 percent over the four year period 2000 to 2003 as compared to a general inflation rate of 10.4 percent. Read the Press Release >>

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Fifth Annual National Aging and Law Conference

Mark your calendar for the National Aging and Law Conference 2004, Oct. 20-23. This year's theme is "Advocacy in Action - Still Responding to Challenges." Read More about the Conference >>

Statement for the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on Prescription Drug Importation

AARP calls on Congress to enact legislation this year to allow for legal, safe importation of lower priced prescription drugs. Read the Congressional Testimony >>

The Divorce Experience: A Study of Divorce At Midlife and Beyond

Divorce at midlife and older is more emotionally devastating than losing a job, about equal to experiencing a major illness, and nearly as devastating as losing a spouse. Such is the judgment of 1,147 surveyed men and women ages 40 to 79 who were divorced after the age of 40. Read the Report >>

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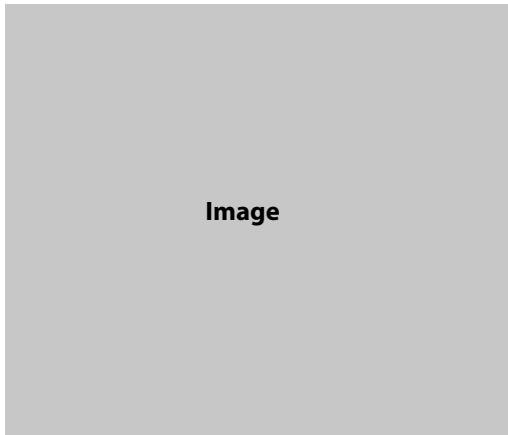
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- Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds / *Research report*
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Comparing Current Social Security Reform Proposals/ Summary

Andrew Lyon, The University of Maryland
John Stell, The University of Maryland
November 2000

The Social Security Trust Funds are estimated to be depleted by 2037 under current projections of the Social Security Board of Trustees. Politicians of both political parties generally agree on the need for Social Security reform. Reform options advanced in leading congressional and Administration plans include the establishment of private accounts; trust fund investment in equities; the use of general fund revenues; and benefit reductions, principally achieved by increasing the retirement age at which full benefits are payable or by reducing future cost-of-living-adjustments. These reform options can have quite different impacts on the long-run solvency of Social Security and on the benefits received by future retirees.

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Providing Care for Another Adult a Second Job for Many, National Alliance for Caregiving AARP Study Shows / News Release

April 6, 2004

There are far more Americans holding "second jobs" as family caregivers than either employers, or the federal government are aware of - and this "second job" could pose long-term problems for both.

A survey conducted for the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, funded by MetLife Foundation, estimates there are 44.4 million caregivers who provide unpaid care to another adult. Almost six in ten (59%) of these caregivers either work or have worked while providing care. And 62 percent have had to make some adjustments to their work life, from reporting late to work to giving up work entirely.

And, it's not just women, as some people might think. Almost four in ten (39%) caregivers are men, and 60% of them are working full-time. Our study shows a significant proportion of male caregivers. This is just not just an issue for women, but for everyone.

The study entitled "Caregiving in the U.S." was conducted to update and expand our knowledge about the activities caregivers say they perform, the perceived impact of caregiving on their daily lives, and the unmet needs of this population. Caregivers are people age 18 and older who help another person age 18 and older with at least one of thirteen tasks that caregivers commonly do on an unpaid basis. These activities range from helping another manage finances, shop for groceries, or do housework to helping another get in and out of beds or chairs, get dressed, get to and from the toilet, bathe or shower, or eat.

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Date Case Filed: 07/30/2003

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 AARP has filed a "friend of the court" brief in a case in Maryland that challenges a nursing home's requirement, as part of its contract for services, that a married couple agree to completely exhaust their assets before applying for Medicaid.

Sherwood and Ruth Murphy lived at a Continuing Care Retirement Community, with Mrs. Murphy residing in an independent living section of the facility and Mr. Murphy in their long-term care section. A few months after moving into the facility, Mr. Murphy became Medicaid-eligible for continuing care, and as soon as that happened, the facility attempted to discharge him. The facility noted that the contract the Murphys had signed required private payment of care rather than Medicaid payment -- even though the facility accepted Medicaid for other patients.

Medicaid has specific and clear provisions protecting against "spousal impoverishment" in an effort to prevent an alarming trend of two people being forced into poverty due to the serious illness of one. The federal Nursing Home Reform Act guarantees the right to access... Medicaid while in long term care, as well as explicit protections against the involuntary discharge of nursing home residents except in extraordinary circumstances.

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International Approaches Encourage Long-Term Independence for Persons with Disabilities / Opinion

Mary Jo Gibson, AARP
April 2004

International perspectives on long-term care are a largely untapped resource for improving the lives of the millions of Americans today and in the future. Long-term care touches virtually all families, and most of us will need assistance with the basic routines of daily life at some point in our adult life. For some, the assistance will be limited, such as help with shopping. For others, including persons with dementia, the assistance needed can be 24 hours a day for many years.

In all developed nations, including the United States, the overwhelming majority of long-term care received by persons with disabilities of all ages is provided by family and other informal caregivers. These families themselves often need support, especially when care needs are extensive. The direct and indirect costs to individual caregivers and to society, such as stress, lost wages, and lost productivity, are often enormous.

The United States does not have a comprehensive long-term care system. Arguably, it has no system at all. Instead, it relies upon Medicaid, a safety net program designed for persons with low incomes and few assets, as the primary financing source for long-term care. Benefits vary from state to state, and are far more generous for nursing home care than for care in home and community-based settings. America's policies often inadvertently encourage long-term dependence, rather than enhancing long-term independence, which is what AARP research shows persons with disabilities want.

What lessons do the experiences of other nations hold for the U.S.? The need for long term care increases dramatically with age, and 29 other countries have older populations than the U.S. Many of these countries do not have especially enviable long-term care systems, but some do. For example,

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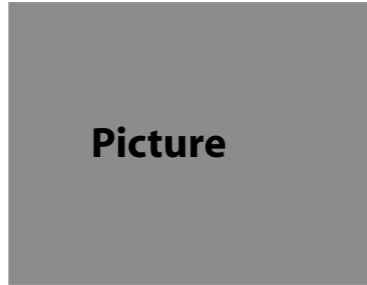
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