

## Raising Medicare's Eligibility Age: A Complex Proposition

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## Raising the Age of Medicare Eligibility

- Raising the age of Medicare eligibility from 65 to 67 is a leading proposal in current Federal budget discussions
- Projected by CBO to reduce net Federal spending by \$113 billion over 10-year period (2012-2021) if phased in beginning in 2014
- Prior to the health reform law, a key concern was the significant risk that most 65- and 66-year olds would become uninsured
- Under the ACA, most *should* have access to private insurance coverage through Medicaid, an Exchange, or an employer plan – with some caveats, including how states respond to the June 2012 Supreme Court decision

