

Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA), the Ranking Member of the Ways & Means Health Subcommittee, today delivered a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives regarding the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) decision to issue a [gag order](#) on Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, which prevents companies from sharing factual information with their enrollees. You can see video of the speech [here](#)

. His remarks follow below:

“Madam Speaker, the Obama Administration keeps trying to silence critics of its government-run health care plan. This week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services decided that Medicare Advantage plans were offering the wrong opinions about the health care bill. So CMS ordered them to stop telling their customers about proposed cuts to Medicare benefits. This Chicago-style politics is a shocking abuse of power that flies in the face of the President’s call for open and honest debate. It’s time to remind the President and CMS that all Americans have a constitutional right to speak their mind -- even when that holds back a government takeover of health care.”