

THE Senior SCOOP

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WELCOME

With the surge of COVID-19, we must remain true to ourselves and our beliefs. RetireSafe will continue to advocate on behalf of your concerns as it relates to healthcare, financial security and retired life.

I cannot stress enough the importance of you getting your vaccines this year. All indications lead me to believe that this one act of getting vaccinated for the flu and pneumococcal are preventive measures that could save your life.

RetireSafe is assessing the new make-up of Congress and will target our advocacy efforts to ensure that your voice is being heard.

Thanksgiving this year looks different for many, if not all. I want to take a moment to thank all of you for allowing RetireSafe to be your voice in Washington.

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Pancreatic Cancer Awareness!

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. As many may know, pancreatic cancer is one of the most aggressive and deadly cancers, consistently ranked the 5th leading cause of death from cancer and the 11th most common cancer in the United States. With an ongoing pandemic that is still not mitigated, we at RetireSafe want to make sure our members and loved ones are safe and healthy as the risks increase with immunocompromised diseases. This resource page gives information on symptoms that may go unknown as a sign of the disease. Early detection helps save lives. Learn & share the facts, symptoms and risk factor of pancreatic cancer; it can help with early detection, motivate healthy life choices and provide guidance on when to seek genetic counseling. We encourage everyone to educate themselves and their loved ones. This season, and all seasons lets Retire-Healthy at RetireSafe.

RESOURCES

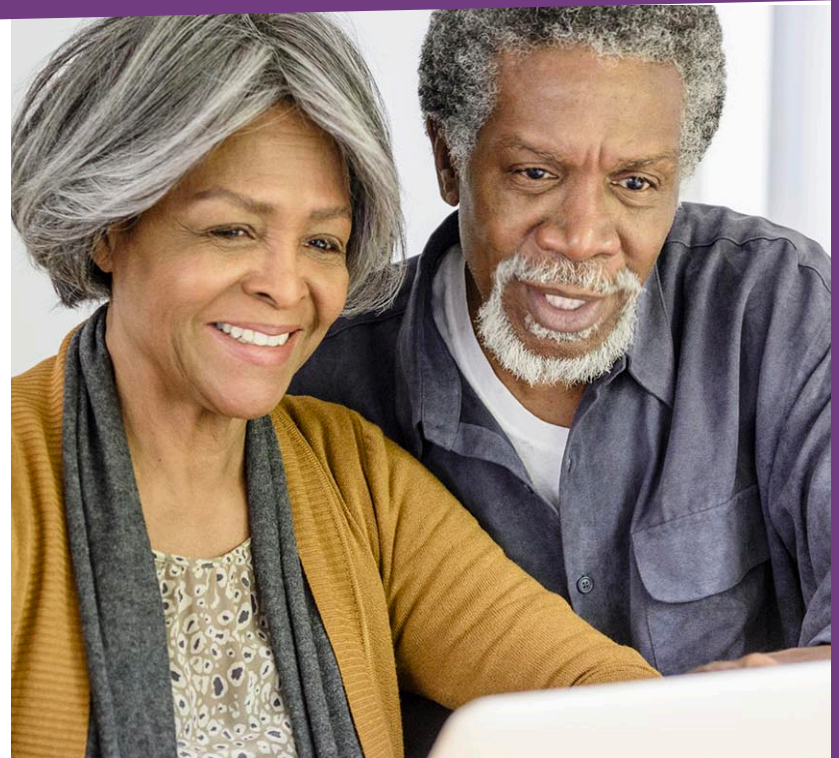
Eli Lilly Insulin Value Program

Eli Lilly has created the [Lilly Insulin Value Program](#) so that people with commercial insurance and those without insurance at all can fill their monthly prescription of Lilly insulin for \$35 per 30-day supply. Seniors enrolled in the plan will save about \$446 in annual out-of-pocket costs for insulin, with premiums increasing by less than \$1 per month. The Lilly Insulin Value Program covers most Lilly insulins, including Humalog and non-branded insulins, and is in effect today.

To get the Lilly Insulin Value Program card, call the Lilly Diabetes Solution Center at 833-808-1234. The Solution Center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday. Spanish operators are available, and information can be translated into about 40 different languages over the phone.

Mature Adult Product Usage Survey

RetireSafe wants to know about the products people are using to make their lives healthier, safer, and more enjoyable. Please click this [link](#) to contribute to our pool of knowledge that helps RetireSafe ensure your voice is being heard.



Surprise Billing

Surprise billing affects EVERYONE enrolled in a commercial health insurance plan - not just the patients who receive a surprise medical bill. Check out the [educational video](#) and created by the RetireSafe staff, and increase your knowledge and awareness on surprise medical billing. This video explains what surprise medical billing is, who it hurts, and how YOU can get involved.

Election Updates!



As the results are finalized, the 2020 Presidential Election has been an historical event for America specifically for taking place during an ongoing pandemic. While every state has a projected winner, Georgia will be completing 2 Senate run-offs in January in order to fill the final 2 vacancies and to decide which party will take control of the Senate. While we remain neutral in political elections, we are aware of the debated policies and bills that may impact our members depending on whichever way a bill is passed. We will continue to monitor all healthcare bills relating to seniors on the Hill specifically [CPI-E](#), [ACA](#), [H.R.11553](#) etc. For any questions, comments, or concerns on these bills, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment

The Prescription Drug Plan open enrollment period, otherwise known as Medicare Part D, remains open until December 7th. If you did not enroll for Part D during the seventh month Initial Enrollment Period for Medicare (three months before 65th birthday, month of 65th birthday, or three months after 65th birthday) you can join a plan anytime between now and December 7th. If you already receive Medicare Part D benefits and would like to make adjustments to your current plan, you can during this period. The annual Open Enrollment Period provides time to compare your current plan with others to ensure you are receiving the best plan for your specific prescription drug needs. Here is a [link](#) to view the Part D options in your area.



Local News and Issues

Colorado

According to an [article in the Denver Post](#), cases of COVID-19 and hospitalizations related to the disease are increasing at an alarming rate. On November 11th, the state health department reported 4,591 new cases of COVID-19. This is the highest number of reported cases in one day since the beginning of the pandemic. On November 12th, 1,183 people were hospitalized with confirmed cases of COVID-19. According to Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment, 85% of the state's intensive-care unit beds are occupied. This has left healthcare workers and patients alike concerned that increased hospitalizations related to COVID-19 will leave hospitals unable to keep up. To read the full article, click the link below:

New Congressional Body

RetireSafe has always been committed to the advocacy and lobby action taken by our organization on behalf of our members. With a new Congressional body being introduced early next year, we would like our members to know that we are looking closely at its makeup and are currently determining which members to target in our petitioning. We have adjusted to the challenges the pandemic created in 2020 and feel prepared to more aggressively push for impactful and meaningful change for the health and wellness of all Senior Americans.

Scam:

The West Virginia and the New Hampshire Attorney Generals issued [warnings](#) to citizens about a recent social security phone scam, and similar reports of calls have been recently reported in higher quantities in other states. The call claims to be from the SSA, claims to have frozen the recipient's account, and asks for personal information and payments to restore it. If you receive one of these calls, never forfeit your personal or financial information to any unsolicited caller.