

Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) Medicare Backup

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Poliquin Voted For The FY18 Republican Budget. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for \$3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume \$1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a "premium support" system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of \$929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by \$1.3 trillion.” The concurrent resolution was adopted, 219-206. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #557](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

- **The FY 2018 Republican Budget Cut \$500 Billion From Medicare.** “It would do so by slashing \$5.4 trillion over the coming decade, including almost \$500 billion from Medicare and \$1.5 trillion from Medicaid and the Obama health law, along with sweeping cuts to benefits such as federal employee pensions, food stamps and tax credits for the working poor.” [Associated Press, [7/18/17](#)]