

Resolution Title: Resolution on Preserving Medicare as We Know It
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WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has announced a devastating economic blow to seniors by increasing Medicare premium by 17%, raising the monthly cost per individual from \$11.60 to \$78.20; and

WHEREAS, this is the largest premium increase in dollars in Medicare's history; and

WHEREAS, about \$1.75 of each increased premium will be billions of dollars paid by Medicare to private health insurers; and

WHEREAS, there is a determination to privatize Medicare and encourage seniors to join private health plans; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NYSUT, AFT and the AFL-CIO oppose the huge increase in the Medicare premium and all efforts to privatize Medicare.