



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR MEDICARE-MEDICAID ABUSE LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole joined today as a cosponsor to legislation designed to curb abuses in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Noting the "Medicaid mills" fraud uncovered in Senate investigations last year, Dole remarked that "This bill represents an important step towards eliminating practices which cheat both the program recipient and the American taxpayer."

"During fiscal year 1977, Medicare and Medicaid will cost taxpayers more than \$38 billion--an increase of \$7 billion over fiscal 1976. We can ill afford to be making payments for services which are unnecessary or inadequate," Dole continued. "In some cases, federal and state governments receive the bill for services which are not even delivered."

Dole cosponsored similar legislation last year, which was approved by the Senate but did not clear the House before the end of the session. He noted that widespread support exists for the measure and predicted early action on it.