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**FIGHTING TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE!**

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In March the Retiree Action Group adopted an Anti-Hate Resolution. To move the spirit of that Resolution forward, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has agreed to speak to us at this month's meeting. Come and learn a bit about Islam and the work that CAIR is doing.

**Medicare Recipients Sue to Appeal "Observation Status" Coverage Gaps.** An important class action lawsuit began in federal court in Hartford, Connecticut recently. Medicare patients are suing to eliminate a policy that prevents them from receiving Medicare benefits for time spent in a hospital under so-called "observation care." Observation status refers to patients who are in hospital because their doctor thinks they are too sick to go home but not sick enough to be admitted. These patients are required to pay hospital bills for observation care. They are also prevented from filing an appeal for insurance coverage. More than 1.3 million observation claims were tallied for the 10-year period through 2017.

Administration officials appear to be questioning the policy. Seema Verma, head of the Center for Medicare & Medicare Services said in a tweet "[Government] doesn't always make sense. We're listening to feedback."

Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance, said, "If the patients win this lawsuit, hundreds of thousands more could finally receive the benefits they should have had in the first place.

- Place:** I.A.M. District 98 Hall, 3200 East Prospect Road, York, Pa 17402
- Agenda:** 9:30am Membership Meeting. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.
- Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- RSVP:** Kelly Loucks, IAM District 98, at 717-600-1198 to let us know if you can attend so we can have an accurate count for lunch.

**Our meetings continue to be the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of every month. All members are reminded to bring a new person with them to the meeting. Come and have lunch with us. Come and help us to help you.**

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