

# Is AARP Advocating for Seniors or its Big Financial Partners?



## What AARP Does Not Tell Illinois Seniors:

- **AARP** supports access-killing drug price-setting schemes like those pushed by Pelosi that could restrict seniors' access to life-saving medicines – but which serve as a financial windfall for **AARP's** corporate partners.
- Price-setting can limit seniors' access to cutting-edge drugs, and insurers can benefit financially when they are **NOT** required to cover them.
- **AARP's** political activities are coming under increased scrutiny in view of **AARP's** lucrative financial partnerships with large health insurers and corporate middlemen.
- Why? Because **AARP** was paid nearly **\$977 million** in corporate royalties in 2019, and over **\$5 billion** from the nation's largest insurer, UnitedHealthGroup, since 2010.
- Sadly, policymakers and **AARP's** own members today must question whether **AARP's** advocacy is truly in the interest of seniors or those of their financial partners.

## AARP Has Already Failed Seniors Across the Country:

- ☒ **AARP** opposed reforms providing seniors drug discounts directly at local pharmacies; discounts health insurers and middlemen can currently pocket for themselves.
- ☒ **AARP** has failed to fully address alarming allegations and investigations of its partner, UnitedHealth, with respect to questionable Medicare and Medicaid billing practices.
- ☒ **AARP** supported Obamacare's \$700 billion plus cuts to Medicare despite mass opposition from **AARP** members.

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