

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 June 17, 2026

- 1 AFSCME Chicago Region meeting, 6 pm, June 25, AFSCME Headquarters.
- 2 AFSCME Chicago Region PEOPLE Meeting, July 31-August 1, Peoria, Illinois,
- 3 The Annual Meeting of the AFSCME Retiree Council will be held on Sunday, August 16 through Monday, August 17 in conjunction with the International Convention, which will take place August 17 through August 21 at McCormick Place Convention Center, McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr, Chicago, IL 60616. Please join us this summer in Chicago for the 46th Annual Retiree Council Meeting and the 47th AFSCME International Convention! Don't miss out as we come together to demonstrate our unwavering retiree strength and solidarity! You will find detailed information below about the Annual Retiree Council Meeting. The International Convention Call and delegate forms will be sent separately. We encourage you to come for the Retiree Council Meeting and stick around for the whole week and be a part of the energy that defines our collective AFSCME power!
Registration
Please click [HERE](#) to register for the retiree council meeting. Council representatives and guests can use the same form to book housing (more info below). You can also visit the link here: <https://afsc.me/register>. Please submit the retiree registration form by June 26, 2026.
- 4 Illinois Alliance For Retired Americans Senior Power Luncheon, Wednesday, October 7, 11 am registration, 12 pm Dinner, at CTU Headquarters, 1901 West Carroll Avenue, Chicago, 60612.
- 5 Citizen Action 2026 Gala, Friday, September 18, 5-8 pm, Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.



- 6 **The Social Security Trustees' annual report projects the retirement trust fund will be depleted by 2032. *We need your help to stop it:***
According to the new annual report, the Social Security trust fund will be depleted, NOT 20 years from now, but in JUST SIX YEARS. If Congress fails to act, retirees could face benefit cuts of MORE than 20%. That's the difference between being able to make ends meet or STRUGGLING to afford groceries, rent, and prescriptions. We're gathering signatures to tell Congress to scrap the cap on Social Security taxes so billionaires pay on all of their income like the rest of us — **but we need your signature!**
[Please, sign our petition before midnight: Tell Congress to scrap the cap and make the wealthy pay their fair share.](#)



H.R. 6361 - BAN AI DENIALS IN MEDICARE ACT



What Is H.R. 6361?

The Ban AI Denials in Medicare Act (H.R. 6361) would permanently prohibit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) from implementing the Wasteful and Inappropriate Services Reduction (WISeR) pilot program and block similar future models that expand prior authorization—including the use of artificial intelligence (AI)—in traditional Medicare.

WHY THIS BILL MATTERS

Traditional Medicare has long provided seniors and people with disabilities access to medically necessary care without the excessive prior authorization barriers common in private insurance and Medicare Advantage plans. H.R. 6361 protects that promise. CMS's WISeR pilot in five states (AZ, OH, OK, NJ, TX, WA) represents one of the largest expansions of prior authorization in traditional Medicare, threatening timely access to care for millions of beneficiaries.



WHAT SHOULD CONGRESS DO?



Co-sponsor and support H.R. 6361



Protect Seniors from delayed or denied care



Preserve the integrity of traditional Medicare

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