

**Very Important! Please Call your Representative Today!**

## **Medical Expense Deduction and Tax-Exempt Financing on the Chopping Block**

**Major tax reform legislation, H.R. 1, has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and will soon come to a vote.**

The bill contains 2 provisions of serious concern to aging services providers and the elders they serve:

1. Elimination of the tax deduction for medical expenses.
2. Elimination of tax-exempt financing for the development and preservation of affordable senior housing and life plan communities/CCRCs.

**This radical legislation would disproportionately affect older adults, many of whom have higher than average medical costs and/or live in affordable housing.**

**Congress needs to hear from you today.** Tell your lawmakers to protect the medical expense deduction and tax-exempt financing for senior housing and CCRCs. Tell them older adults need this. Tell them protecting these tax provisions is the right thing to do.

### **How You Can Help**

- Call your lawmakers TODAY at **1-855-837-6894**. This is a toll free number. First you will hear a message from LeadingAge. Wait for the prompt to add your zip code. You will hear your representative's name and will automatically be connected with their office.
- Share this information with friends and relatives and suggest that they call as well. The proposed changes will directly impact them.
- Forward this action alert to your network.

### **SAMPLE LANGUAGE:**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent. I urge Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_ to oppose provisions of H.R. 1, tax reform legislation that would eliminate the medical expense deduction.

Also, please preserve tax-exempt financing for the development and preservation of affordable senior housing and retirement communities, which would be eliminated under H.R. 1.

I hope Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_ will stand up for older adults and protect these crucial tax benefits for seniors and middle-income families.