



Aging America: A Reform Agenda for Living Well and Dying Well
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A Public Breakfast Briefing

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Not long ago, people generally “got sick and died”—all in one sentence and all in a few days or weeks. Now, most Americans will grow old and accumulate diseases for a long time before dying. Most of this time is spent in the indistinct zone of “chronic illness,” for which there is no specific system for delivering care. As the population ages, what are the implications of this for society? How can we improve the quality of care? How can we take care of the caregivers? And, what about the costs?

In a presidential campaign season, these issues need attention now. World renowned geriatrician and reformer **Joanne Lynn, MD*** lays out her innovative and cost-conscious agenda for reform that addresses the major patterns of aging, decline and dying.

Other participants include:

- **Peter Orszag, PhD**, Director of the Congressional Budget Office, will offer an economic perspective
- **Lynn Friss Feinberg, MSW**, John Heinz Senate Fellow in Aging, Office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, will outline the *Caring for an Aging America Act*, co-sponsored by Senators Boxer and Collins, as well as provide a personal perspective as a family caregiver

Thomas H. Murray, PhD, President of The Hastings Center, will moderate.

* Dr. Lynn's remarks are not in her official capacity as an employee of CMS.

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