

Obama to set elders against the poor by going after Medicare not Medicaid

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Yeah, Fuck the Q-tips, they voted for McCain ^[1]:

The White House is willing to make bigger Medicare cuts in order to protect Medicaid, senior economic adviser Gene Sperling said Thursday.

Sperling said the White House is no longer willing to make even the Medicaid cuts it had previously supported, but acknowledged that puts more pressure on Medicare.

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The federal government will initially cover the entire cost of the expansion, but some Republican governors don't entirely trust Congress to follow through on those funding commitments. The White House is taking its Medicaid cuts ? some of which would have shifted costs to the states ? off the table to send a message to governors.

"Not one penny of cuts to Social Insurance programs, and any efficiency gains returned as benefits."

Why is that so hard to understand



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