



MEDIA ADVISORY

Actuaries Set to Discuss Trustees' Reports on Financial Condition of Medicare and Social Security

What: The **American Academy of Actuaries'** Medicare and Social Security experts will be available to offer an actuarial perspective after the programs' trustees release their 2012 annual reports.

The Academy encourages policymakers to act quickly to address the sustainability of both programs.

Regarding **Medicare**, the actuaries believe that Medicare continues to face long-term financing problems. Although the Affordable Care Act (ACA) contains numerous provisions that aim to put Medicare on a more sustainable path, more needs to be done.

Regarding **Social Security**, the actuaries believe that the program's financial challenges should be addressed immediately and that an increase in the retirement age should be included as part of any reform effort.

Who: **On Medicare issues...**
Cori Uccello, Senior Health Fellow
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On Social Security issues...
Don Fuerst, Senior Pension Fellow
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When: **Monday, April 23, 2012**

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Later today, the Academy will release 2012 Campaign Voters' Guides for Medicare and Social Security.

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