

A HISTORY OF SOLUTIONS



1958 → AARP founded to enhance the quality of life for older persons and promote independence and dignity. Creation of AARP Health Insurance Plan, first nationwide health insurance for all persons 65+.



← 1959 New AARP Drug Buying services uses members' collective purchasing power to buy medicines in bulk, and share savings of 25%. Another innovation: mail-order delivery.



→ 1965 The first Medicare Supplement plans with the AARP name introduced to market.



← 1965 President Lyndon Johnson signs the Social Security Amendments Act, the bill that creates Medicare, the federal health insurance program. AARP played an active role in crafting Medicare into the successful program it has become.



→ 1966 Tax-Aide program created to assist seniors with no-cost tax preparation.



← 1967 AARP offers Drivers 55 plan – an auto insurance that cannot be cancelled solely because of age. AARP backs the Age Discrimination in Employment Act – preventing age-based discrimination among those age 40–65.



→ 1968 AARP's Money Management program is established, through which volunteers help disabled and low-income adults manage their finances.



← 1981 AARP sponsors a crime and safety program designed to help older Americans avoid becoming victims of burglary, assault and consumer fraud.



→ 1984 AARP helps persuade Congress to pass the Federal Nursing Home Reform Act, which set the first national standards for nursing home care.



← 1987 President Ronald Reagan signs the AARP backed Retirement Equity Act, allowing pensions to be divided upon divorce or legal separation enhancing women's financial security.



→ 1992 President Bill Clinton signs the Family and Medical Leave Act into law, following lobbying by AARP.



← 1993 AARP supports an increase in the Social Security Earnings Limit, so that older people who wish to continue working can do so without reducing their benefits.



→ 1995 & 1998 With AARP's strong support, Congress passes and President Bush signs the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act into law, creating a drug benefit in Medicare, effective 2006.



← 2003 Two successful FBI "sting" efforts involve specially trained AARP volunteers posing as victims. FBI agents record the telemarketing calls from con artists and later make thousands of arrests.



→ 2010 The new AARP Brain Fund has invested \$60 million in the Dementia Discovery Fund to support innovative research into preventing and treating dementia.



← 2018 AARP supports the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act due to important provisions such as coverage of pre-existing conditions, closure of the Medicare Part D "donut hole" gap in prescription drug coverage and new preventive health benefits.