

Too Young to Worry?

Mariane Kulick

Maybe you're in your forties with two children and a decent job. Your daughter is just entering college. Your son is a high school junior. The last thing you're thinking of is Medicare. After all, it may not even be there when you're sixty-five. Right now you're concerned about college bills, the mortgage and the dentist. Medicare is somewhere down the road.

But consider – you get a call from Mom – Dad is in the hospital and needs surgery. So you go to Florida to give emotional support. But that's all you have to give. If Mom and Dad didn't have Medicare, you'd be giving a lot more. You'd be making a choice between the college tuition and surgery. Now you don't have to worry about medical bills. Medicare will take care of Dad. So it does matter to you after all.