Many are framing their health insurance reform proposals as some form of Medicare expansion: “Medicare Part E,” “Medicare for All,” “Medicare X,” “Medicare Extra,” and the “Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act of 2017” are all bills or legislative proposals that follow this template.

But what is the relationship of these bills to the current Medicare program? AAF’s Jonathan Keisling dives beneath the rhetoric to explain how these programs would—or, in most cases, would not—directly affect Medicare as it is today.

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