First, Senator Heller has voted to repeal the President’s healthcare law in its entirety, which would restore the $500 billion cut from Medicare. This addresses your initial question.

In regard to the Republican passed budget, the committee’s budget report ‘calls for directing any potential Medicare savings in current law toward shoring up Medicare, not paying for new entitlements…’ which were created under the healthcare law. Committee reports are guiding documents for not only budget reports, but other spending measures such as appropriations.

Also, keep in mind the budget is a broad outline and not an itemized legislative proposal. The budget simply sets up parameters for the appropriations process.

On April 23, 2012, the Medicare Trustees issued their [annual report](https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/ReportsTrustFunds/downloads/tr2012.pdf) outlining the financial status of the program. The report described a program headed for bankruptcy and severely damaged by the Obama Administration’s budget gimmicks. Again, the Republican budget puts an end to this practice.

The budget doesn’t say anything one way or the other about the Medicare cuts. The President’s healthcare law made those cuts and they are current law. What the Republican budget *does* is keep Medicare savings within the program and does not use them to pay for new health care entitlement programs.

Under either repeal of the healthcare law or the Republican budget (which is not the law of land), both would return funds to the Medicare program.

In regard to deficit reduction, a solvent Medicare program would strengthen and preserve the program for future generations and provide deficit reduction in the long-term.