

# Study: Privatized Medicare would raise premiums

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A study out Monday says most Medicare recipients—59 percent—would pay higher premiums under a hypothetical privatized system, with wide regional differences leading to big hikes in some states.

In the senior-rich political swing state of Florida, the study says premiums for traditional [Medicare](#) would jump more than \$200 a month.

The report by the nonpartisan [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) carries a prominent disclaimer that it should not be taken as an analysis of the proposal by Republican presidential candidate [Mitt Romney](#) and running mate Paul Ryan, partly because their plan lacks specifics.

However, Kaiser says it is modeled a similar approach to Romney-Ryan.

The Obama campaign pounced on the findings, while the Romney camp pointed to the disclaimer, saying the report doesn't reflect the candidate's own plan.

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