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Flu season has hit and makes us think of health issues overall....



Too bad after the March 1, 2013 sequestration cuts:

- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will have to halt or curtail vital scientific research into cancer and childhood diseases.
- NIH would also have to issue 700 LESS grants to medical researchers working on causes and treatments of diseases like cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and epilepsy, to name a few, because the agency would lose \$2.5 billion in critical funding.
- The Indian Health Service's ability to staff rural health care facilities would be further impeded by the decreased funding for recruiting and retaining qualified medical personnel.
- Medicare cuts could cost our nation 766,000 jobs, according to several medical associations.
- The Food and Drug Administration would have to scale back on testing of samples of food, drugs and other medical products coming into our country from abroad, according to Rep. Norm Dicks (D-WA).
- The Centers for Disease Control's grant program that supports breast and cervical cancer screenings for low-income uninsured and under-insured women would be forced to NOT screen 35,000 to 45,000 women due to budget cuts.

Across-the-board cuts to domestic spending are NOT the answer!