

## MEDICARE SPENDING ESTIMATES, THEN AND NOW — IT’S ALL ABOUT THE SAME

Demagoguery defined:

*“You remember that budget I vetoed last year because it had excessive cuts in Medicare . . .”* [9/2/96]

While all three estimates below — the one Clinton vetoed, the one he signed and the one he proposes this year — are very similar, the plan he accused of “excessive cuts” has the highest estimate.

	1995 BBA <sup>1</sup> Clinton Vetoed	1997 Budget Agreement Spending <sup>2</sup>	1998 Clinton FY 1999 Budget <sup>3</sup>	Comparison: 1995 to 1997	Comparison: 1995 to 1998
1998	218.2	220.8	218.9	-2.6	0.7
1999	230.2	233.1	228.8	-2.9	-1.4
2000	248.3	253.3	240.9	-5.0	-7.4
2001	266.7	261.0	258.9	5.7	-7.8
2002	288.8	279.9	263.7	8.9	-25.1
1998-2002	1252.2	1248.1	1211.2	4.1	-41.01

<sup>1</sup> Source: CBO, <sup>2</sup> Source: CBO, <sup>3</sup> Source: OMB

