Summary

This collection consists of Chris Jennings' Subject Files series. The collection contains memoranda, correspondence, graphs, statistical data, reports, press releases, briefing papers, handwritten notes, newspaper and magazine clippings, and publications. This series covers a wide variety of health-related topics, including a proposed Prescription Drug Benefit, proposals for a Patients Bill of Rights, prevention and treatment of AIDS, medical research, reform of the Food and Drug Administration, and the financing of federal health programs within the framework of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA). The Subject Files contains a significant amount of material related to concerns stemming from demographic changes (specifically the aging of the "Baby Boom" generation) which threaten the future solvency of both the Medicare and Medicaid trust funds. Another large segment of this series deals with the Administration's efforts to prevent the Republican-controlled Congress from converting the Medicaid program into a system of block grants to the states. The Clinton Administration took the position that such a move would effectively cap federal contributions to the program and result in the elimination and reduction of long-term health care coverage to millions of recipients.

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