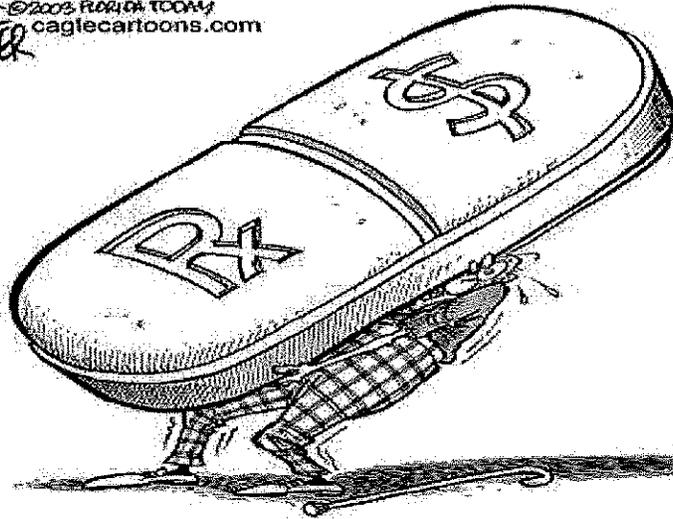




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YOU POOR SENIORS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SWALLOW THE SKYROCKETING COSTS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR FAR TOO LONG -- IT'S TIME WE DID SOMETHING TO HELP... ..HERE'S A GLASS OF WATER...

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS – A BITTER PILL!

In the final budget deliberations of the last legislative session one cut to the Medicaid program deeply affects the elderly and people with disabilities on Medicaid. Starting on July 1, 2015 full dual eligible clients covered by Medicare Part D and Medicaid are held financially responsible for ALL co-pays imposed by their Medicare Part D plans. Previously these co-pays were capped at \$15 per prescription with Medicaid covered the difference.

This cut seriously impacts the well-being of people who can least afford it. The total amount of money saved by this cut was in the neighborhood of \$90,000. However, people with incomes below \$10,000 cannot afford the additional cost for prescriptions. One or two hospitalizations resulting from people not taking their prescriptions will cost the state as much as the expected savings.

Caring Families Coalition urges state legislators to ask that they fix this situation in the upcoming session. The people most affected by this cut are those who can least afford it. They reside in every community in the state. Let's speak with one voice and say reverse this cut.

Please feel free to contact Caring Families Coalition for more information 860.524.0502 Extension 12

Sincerely,

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