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SeniorCare Extended

Bipartisan Effort Extends Life of Prescription Drug Program

Madison...Wisconsin's popular prescription drug program SeniorCare has been granted an extension through December 31, 2007, according to state Representatives Phil Montgomery (R-Ashwaubenon) and Karl Van Roy (R-Green Bay). The extension was granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in order to allow Wisconsin to develop an alternative Medicare Part D wrap around program.

"We'll use this extension to ensure that Wisconsin seniors are guaranteed the best prescription drug coverage available for years to come," said Montgomery. "SeniorCare has set a new standard for what seniors can come to expect in terms of quality prescription drug coverage."

The SeniorCare prescription drug program has saved Wisconsin seniors and taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars since its inception in 2002, reducing prescription drug costs for more than 100,000 seniors by almost \$200 million in 2006.

Both legislators applauded Congressman Ryan and Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation for working in a bipartisan fashion to urge the extension.

"We'll continue to work in a bipartisan manner to ensure Wisconsin seniors receive the best prescription drug coverage," said Van Roy. "Wisconsin seniors deserve the best we can give them."

The extension will provide Wisconsin with more time and resources to develop an alternative Medicare Part D wrap around program to best serve Wisconsin seniors.

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