

Sen. Carpenter: On Saint Nicholas Day Gov. Walker proves himself a grinch to seniors

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Madison, Wisconsin — Sen. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), released the following statement regarding the SeniorCare prescription drug program.

“On this Saint Nicholas day, it would seem that Governor Walker intends to leave nothing but coal in the stockings of seniors. It was my hope that the Governor Walker would be moved by the spirit of the season and finally request the continuation of the Medicare waiver under which SeniorCare is run before the December 31 2018 expiration date.

For fifteen years SeniorCare has been run under a federal waiver and has been providing lifesaving drugs to our seniors at a fraction of standard prescription drug costs. It is the only such program of its kind in the nation and it saves taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. Savings from discounts on bulk purchases of prescription drugs and rebates from drug companies, which lowers the price of life saving prescriptions for seniors.

Governor Walker has threatened to kill SeniorCare in past budgets and has *refused to secure a federal extension beyond 2018 for a SeniorCare waiver*. Now is the time to send an SOS to Republicans to “Save our SeniorCare.” Access to affordable prescription drugs keeps our seniors healthier and helps prevent unnecessary and costly hospital visits.

Contact your State Legislators now and request they immediately fight for a Federal waiver extension for continuing SeniorCare. This life saving program is extremely important to our most vulnerable citizens to protect them from sky rocketing prescription drug prices.

You can find out who represents you at legis.wisconsin.gov Call your representatives and tell them SOS — “Save our SeniorCare.”

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