



HERE IS A REALLY DUMB IDEA

The Governor's and the Legislature's budgets both propose to save \$80,000 in 2016 and \$90,000 in 2017 by eliminating the state's portion of co-pays for prescription drugs for people on HUSKY C.

Currently, people on HUSKY C (dually eligible for Medicare & Medicaid) pay \$15 per month in co-pays for prescriptions and the state pays the remaining co-pays.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE???

- They are seniors and people with disabilities whose income is below \$610.61 (Region A) or below \$506.22 (Regions 2 & 3). In order to be eligible they have to have less than \$1,600 in assets.

NOTE: The income eligibility for HUSKY D recipients (adults with no children) is \$1,353.58 and there is NO ASSET TEST.

- There are over 95,000 HUSKY C recipients in Connecticut.
- Many of the dually eligible are people with disabilities; and many of them have mental health issues.

SO, WE ARE GOING TO HURT THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS IN CONNECTICUT TO SAVE SOME MONEY?

HERE'S THE SHOCKER!

The co-pays for prescriptions for people with mental health issues can be expensive. Many of these people have worked with their doctors for years to find the right medications. Remember, these are the poorest residents of Connecticut. If they can't afford their co-pays, they will not get their needed medicines. All it would take is for two or three people on HUSKY C to end up in the hospital as a result of not taking their medications and the \$80,000 in savings will go out the window. **WHAT A DUMB IDEA!!!!**

Let's use common sense and restore the help in co-pays for prescriptions for the dually eligible.

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