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Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Medicaid Services
Attn: Tiffany Reilly
1 W. Wilson St., P.O. Box 309
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Ms. Reilly,

The Milwaukee County Commission on Aging is writing to express our support for the 10-year SeniorCare extension waiver that the Department of Health Services is submitting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

SeniorCare provides Wisconsin residents with a prescription drug insurance which is reliable, cost-effective and easy to use. Older adults in Milwaukee County and throughout the state have long expressed their appreciation for SeniorCare's easy application process, straightforward eligibility guidelines and low-cost yearly fee.

Seniorcare does not just save enrollees money, but also saves taxpayer dollars. SeniorCare saves the federal government nearly \$500 on each beneficiary when compared to Medicare Part D. We also know that the SeniorCare waiver has saved hundreds of millions of dollars in Medicaid funding because seniors with SeniorCare have stayed healthier for longer periods of time, thus avoiding costlier hospital and nursing home care.

Milwaukee County's Commission on Aging fully supports the Department of Health Services request for a 10-year waiver extension for the SeniorCare program.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wyatt Sibley
Chair, Milwaukee County Commission on Aging

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The mission of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging is to affirm the dignity and value of older adults in this county by supporting their choices for living in, and giving to, our community.