

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

	In favor of renewal	Neutral comment	Not in favor of renewal	Total
Email	379	21		400
Mail	88	10		98
Fax	12	1		13
Public Hearing: Milwaukee	5	0		5
Public Hearing: Madison	16	0	0	16
Grand Total	500	32	0	532
Email Received: Without Comments				5

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Email

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5/2/2018	As a senior citizen, I would definitely like to see SeniorCare extended another ten years. It has been a welcomed, more affordable alternative to Medicare Part D. As one ages, more prescriptions are often necessary; and I feel that SeniorCare would be sorely missed by those of us on a fixed income.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/7/2018	Gentlemen, I am 71 and have been on SeniorCare for about 5 years. My income is low and I take Eliquis and at \$535 monthly SeniorCare is the only way I can afford the drug with my \$500 deductible the drug becomes \$15 monthly. Thank you SeniorCare, I would be lost without it!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/7/2018	I am in favor of the renewal of the waiver for SeniorCare. It is a less costly alternative for Part D.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/7/2018	I pray that the SeniorCare Program is continued in Wisconsin. It has been a blessing for my mom helping with her prescriptions. It's a blessing for me because I help her with her care and this program is so easy to understand. Black and white- no 10 page document and no need for intercession by a legal advisor. This program should not be stopped. I hope people speak up! Sincerely, Barb Retz, Oshkosh, WI	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/7/2018	My 97 year old mother has greatly benefited from the SeniorCare Program. Her income is less than \$18,000/year and there is no way she could afford her prescriptions without this wonderful program. I hope it is successfully renewed and continues to serve people such as my mother.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/8/2018	I wish I could attend the meeting, but live too far. I hope the SeniorCare program will continue, it has been a lifesaver during my retirement as my income is very low and my drugs are very expensive. Medicare Part D copays are so high that I have....	X			An email was sent to the member informing the member of the web address for live stream and the phone number to call in so the member could participate in the meeting.
5/8/2018	My husband and I support continuing the SeniorCare program.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/8/2018	SeniorCare has been a great option for me. Since retiring, almost 3 years ago, I have been enrolled in SeniorCare as credible coverage for Medicare Part D. The cheapest Medicare D plan would cost me \$500+ per year. Since I don't take any prescription drugs that's a very high cost. SeniorCare saves me money since it costs \$30 per year! This contributes to my secure retirement. Thank you SeniorCare and the State of Wisconsin for a good program	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/8/2018	To whom it may concern: My job is one that advocated for the needs of the seniors who reside with Rock & Walworth Counties. There are a tremendous number of seniors who count on the SeniorCare Rx plan of WI to assist them with providing an affordable option to purchase their medications. I can assure you that it is in great part that this plan is currently used and continues to be made available to those who are living on a small fixed income in order to be able to afford the medications that are necessary to assist them with their health needs. Please maintain SeniorCare Rx plan for the many seniors who are counting on it.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/9/2018	I assume it's not possible or practical to request a 'permanent' waiver? Requesting 10 years is certainly a step in the right direction. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/9/2018	Hello, I am 71 years old and have a hard time coming up with the SeniorCare \$500 deductible every year. Without SeniorCare I could never afford the lifesaving medication I need in order to survive. Please continue to support this program for myself and many other seniors in the state of Wisconsin.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/11/2018	Please continue the program. It has been a big help to me financially.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/15/2018	Thank you for the opportunity to make a comment about the renewal of SeniorCare to 2028. I strongly support the renewal. The program is a significant positive contribution to my healthcare. I would hop that the SeniorCare program would become a model for prescription drugs for seniors throughout the nation.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/15/2018	Please continue SeniorCare. People with low incomes depend on it because they [can]not afford [the] prices without it. It means they were unable to buy the drugs they need in order to stay healthy. Extend it for the next ten years.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	To Whom It May Concern: Please keep SeniorCare alive in Wisconsin. Many people depend on this service. Don't forget the elderly.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Keep this program. Many Wisconsinites depend on this.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I am a strong proponent of keeping the SeniorCare program. It has provided invaluable to those seniors in needier circumstances, and is cost effective.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	One of the best programs in the entire State of Wisconsin. Please extend this program that helps Senior Citizens of Wisconsin. Thank you/Cheers	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare. Those of us on fixed incomes who need daily medication really appreciate SeniorCare. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please keep this prescription drug program for seniors. It helps us [so] much!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I am requesting that SeniorCare be extended through 2028. Thanks	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Dear Sir/Madam, It is very important for our Wisconsin Seniors to continue getting their prescription drugs through SeniorCare on account of negotiated discounts and better pricing. The increased affordability in a win-win for Wisconsin and our Seniors who have limited income. I strongly support renewing and extending the program through 2028. Sincerely yours, Walter Wong	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	My husband is new to Medicare. SeniorCare is the only way he has been able to get all the prescriptions he is supposed to be taking.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please, please extend this vital alternative to Part D for the citizens of Wisconsin! If this program is allowed to lapse, over 92,000 citizens here in Wisconsin will be left in the lurch. This is vital for the Seniors like myself who will be left with no drug coverage if it is not renewed. Many of us will then have to choose between refilling our medications or paying for rent, food, etc. Please help!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extent [sic] SeniorCare in Wisconsin. So many seniors are on low fixed incomes. Those people need financial help for prescriptions, as well other health services.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	I am writing to urge renewal of this valuable program. With the graduated scale it helps a large number of seniors who are on fixed incomes. I am one of these people. I can't imagine why we would not renew this program to continue helping seniors. Regards, Ken Wooley	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend your SeniorCare program until 2028.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	SeniorCare works for me. It covers my part D problem as my husband has VA coverage. I certainly hope it continues.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please seriously consider continued funding for SeniorCare. It provides needed services for many WI elders. Decreasing or eliminating funding could create added barriers for seniors to access the medications they need to survive.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>I support the SeniorCare program being extended for 10 years. This program is one of those critical helps that enable citizens to have reasonable and affordable access to care.</p> <p>It is hard to listen to the news and information concerning tax breaks for big corporations and the potential cuts to programs such as these for purposes of balancing the budget and paying for insurance.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	SeniorCare is a major way for lower income seniors to afford necessary drugs at a time when pharmaceutical companies continually raising prices. Prices in WI can be controlled by the state's ability to negotiate prices for SeniorCare recipients. SeniorCare is a win-win for both the state and the budgets of seniors who are being squeezed by drug prices. Actually, this waiver should not only be extended for ten years. It should be a model of reducing Part D Medicare drug costs for all seniors.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	We the people of WI need to continue to use of the SeniorCare program. We retirees are faced with fixed incomes and rising prescription prices. Sincerely, Mark Nacewicz	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Although it does not impact me directly at this time, I want to express my support for extending the SeniorCare program. SeniorCare is a win-win program for Wisconsin and its participants. The costs of the program are largely managed by the state's ability to negotiate discounts and pricing. Enrolls pay reasonable amounts with the program and that is their benefit. It has made a big difference for many low-income seniors. Please extend it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please keep SeniorCare, it is a much needed program, for Wisconsin seniors. Sincerely, Robert Noland	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I think all Americas deserve to have SeniorCare extended.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I am writing in favor to extend SeniorCare to [the] elderly in Wisconsin. Since losing my job last year and obtaining Medicare it is clear that the cost of medication is astronomical for people who are on fixed incomes. Since the Federal Government will not negotiate pricing with the drug companies and costs continue to rise, it is more important than ever that Wisconsin provides SeniorCare to assist those in need. Affording medication can be the difference between life and death. I have been appalled at the cost of my medications and will have problems meeting these out of pocket costs. Just a week ago, I had order pen needles for my insulin. Since the out of pocket costs was so high, I will start re-using needles. Not an ideal situation but these are the decisions that have to be made because of the increasing cost of medications and supplies. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	Please extend Wisconsin's SeniorCare prescription drug program. My mother who is 88 years old depends on SeniorCare for her prescription drugs. These prescriptions are life saving for her. In addition to blood pressure and pain meds she needs glaucoma meds for her vision, without these meds she would be blind and unable to live independently. There is considerable cost savings for her being able to live in her home with support from her children rather than a nursing home. She is one of thousands in similar circumstances. Please continue to provide this invaluable support for Wisconsin's seniors. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Many older Wisconsinites live on fixed incomes and are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. Please extend the SeniorCare program by another 10 years to help these and other older Americans.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Keep SeniorCare	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I am a long time Wisconsin resident and faithful voter. As a newly enrolled Medicare member, I have greatly appreciated how my Wisconsin SeniorCare drug benefit has helped me significantly lower my health care costs. Please do all you can to continue this cost saving drug benefit.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	My mom was enrolled in this program for the last 4 or 5 years of her life. It saved her a lot as she was on pricey heart medications. Do not let this program go. It should be a model for seniors in other states that have to pay exorbitant prices for prescription drugs. She had to pay [a] \$500 deductible and with one or 2 medications, it was filled quickly.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	Please do not discontinue this very important program! This is critical to affordable coverage!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I would hope that much consideration will be given to the extended continuation of the SeniorCare drug program in Wisconsin. As seems the case drug prices are much like gasoline prices in that the purveyors of these products are always looking for way...	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Lets get Senior drug prices down. I have 7 perscription [sic] drugs, all of them increase 30% to 50% this year. Thanks Scott Orten		X		Thanked the member for their comment and insured the member that DHS is always looking at ways to control the costs of drugs without impacting our members.
5/16/2018	<p>Us baby boomers have been supporting our government and we are continuing to take tax cuts and having to a large co-pay on our prescriptions as our government does not regulate pharmacy costs. Is this genocide? The officers continue to get raises and VERY good health care programs.</p> <p>Stop this and help us.</p>		X		Thanked the member for their comment and insured the member that DHS is always looking at ways to control the costs of drugs without impacting our members.

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5/16/2018	<p>Sir/Madam:</p> <p>I wish to voice my desire to see SeniorCare extended. I believe this is a cost and benefit effective program. Although I personally am not eligible at this time, I believe the history of the program has demonstrated both its cost effectiveness and its humanitarian benefit. As health care and prescription drug prices spiral out of control, this program allows negotiation of prescription care and enables many to obtain that care that would otherwise be unattainable.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>SeniorCare which is Wisconsin's alternative to Medicare Part D is currently set to expire on Dec. 31, 2018. I am writing to you in support of Wisconsin's request to extend a waiver for this important program for 10 years.</p> <p>I am perplexed that anyone would want to remove a program for our Seniors and Elderly when we should be doing everything in our power to make life easier for them. They are the ones who did so much for us, raising us through wars, recessions and hard times.</p> <p>Now it is time to come through for them and extend this important program. I urge you to approve the request to extend the waiver for Wisconsin's SeniorCare program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>This needs to continue. Seniors need all the help they can get, especially those on a fixed income. They also need to add , hearing aid, glasses and dentures to the list. These are the things seniors need as they get older.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>	X			<p>Thanked the member for their comment and insured the member that DHS is always looking at ways to control the costs of drugs without impacting our members.</p>
5/16/2018	<p>Thank you for allowing us to have SeniorCare.</p>	X			<p>Follow up was not needed.</p>
5/16/2018	<p>We cannot financially survive without this program. Keep it going.</p>	X			<p>Follow up was not needed.</p>
5/16/2018	<p>Lately there's been a lot of discussion among lawmakers about the high cost of prescription drugs. Meanwhile, many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. SeniorCare is Wisconsin's creative and innovative solution to help seniors manage their medication budgets. By any measure, SeniorCare is a win-win program for Wisconsin and its participants and I fully support the extension of the wavier that allows Wisconsin to continue offering this cost-efficient and effective program for another 10 years.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			<p>Follow up was not needed.</p>
5/16/2018	<p>Don't be stupid!! Renew this coverage</p>	X			<p>Follow up was not needed.</p>

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5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare for another decade!!!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Almost every week my wife and I experience the out of control costs of prescriptions and fight the battle as most seniors do with balancing costs of living, co-pays and medications as we age.</p> <p>Even though we fight that fight on a daily bases[sic] we are some of the lucky ones we have insurance and even though it doesn't pay 100% we squeak by.</p> <p>With those thoughts in mind it is a scary thought to face these concerns without insurance or income sufficient to keep this balancing act going and that is why we strongly endorse SeniorCare.</p> <p>We seniors not only need SeniorCare it becomes for some of us an absolute requirement to survival.</p> <p>This should never become a question of survival of the fittest but an insistence that all not only survive but enjoy the last years of our lives with honor and dignity.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	To whom it may concern: I am a retired RN who has worked for 30 in healthcare and have seen the benefits of SeniorCare for many elderly people. It is a great program that has helped thousands of people afford their medications which in turn keeps people on their needed medications ultimately maintaining health. Please consider extending the program.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	The most vulnerable Wisconsinites rely on SeniorCare to survive. If we can afford big tax cuts for the most wealthy, we MUST make sure Seniors are protected too. What would Jesus do?....protect those most vulnerable. Extend SeniorCare. It's the RIGHT thing to do!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I need SeniorCare I only have social security	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please renew SeniorCare for Wisconsin. This program is critical for the health of our seniors.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please do your part to extend SeniorCare for Wisconsin's elder populations, thanks	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Let us get Wisconsin Sr. CARE RIGHT NOW.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	We need to keep it up	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	It seems that SeniorCare is a positive health decision as well as a common sense budget decision. Don't let politics dismantle a program because of any party line agenda item. Let's support things that work.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Program has been a great help for my parents.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>Department of Health Services:</p> <p>Please continue to support SeniorCare through 2028. This program is vital to my husband, as he has prescription costs that would extend past our ability to pay exorbitant prices. With his current medication, he is able to lead a productive and full life. He has a life-threatening, but manageable illness that would take its toll and result in death if he does not have regular access to the medication. The program means the world to our family.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>This program is vital for seniors. My mother would not have been able to get her prescriptions without it! Do not eliminate this important program!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Please vote to extend this program for the senior citizens of Wi. Many of us seniors who have worked hard for many years rely on coverage from this program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>I am concerned SeniorCare will expire the end of 2018. I do not take a lot of drugs, therefore SeniorCare is affordable for me. This is one program that is good for seniors on fixed incomes. I am pleading to give [sic] it extended.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>At this time, I don't know if SeniorCare would help me but it would help a good number of people in WI. Please see to it that this valuable program does not expire.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>PS. I did run into a problem where Medicare does not cover something I most certainly needed. I got endocarditis. An infection of the heart. I had to take IV antibiotic therapy. Medicare does not cover this. It would have helped if they put a maximum amount to be paid even if they don't pay for it. It is an awful thing to have a drug cost \$679.11 every day with no maximum payable I spent about \$4000. This so I could have the open heart surgery to replace the infected valve. Something needs to be done about the drug prices and fast. I have a friend who is paying \$12,000 a month and working because the Cancer drug is that much. She is 73 years old but can get no help on this Cancer drug. She has to keep her job to get the insurance to pay for the drug. I did not have that choice as I was to sick to work. I would have liked to go back to work but needed the surgery but first needed to cure the infection.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>Hello, I am retired and disabled 11 years by myalgic encephalomyelitis, a devastating, debilitating and life-crushing disease that has no identified cause, no approved treatment, and no cure. As such, I receive in-home support through the IRIS program which allows me to remain in my home and community. Because I qualify for SeniorCare, I have no drug copays.</p> <p>I am <u>exceedingly grateful</u> for both the IRIS and SeniorCare programs. I would not be able to pay my bills, buy groceries or make prescription copays without state assistance. In fact, I would be forced into a nursing home (with much higher costs) than these two programs charge Wisconsin.</p> <p>Please do whatever it takes to ensure that SeniorCare remains a waiver program.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please act now to extend SeniorCare to Wisconsin for drug assistance for seniors	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Pls continue this program so seniors can continue to receive their meds.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Hello, My mother and mother-in-law were both on SeniorCare when they were alive. I feel this is an excellent program and hope it will continue. Maria Cooney</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Please work to extend SeniorCare in Wisconsin!</p> <p>Retired after working in Wisconsin for 40 years</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>Please extend this program. If a person does not have VA coverage it is the best cost effective creditable drug program in place.</p> <p>When Medicare part D Rx drug coverage became available it was supposed to simplify drug coverage for Seniors and this never happened it only added more confusion to the already confusing health care system that is in place for citizens. The costs of Rx drug programs continue to increase yearly.</p> <p>My spouse receives \$710.00 per month social security after Medicare part B is deducted. With my SS income of 1544.00 per month. I have been an RN for almost 45 years and continue to work part time and Unfortunately we still do not have enough money to make ends meet with housing, taxes, food, health care costs.</p> <p>Please continue SeniorCare to help out the elderly.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Voting for Extension	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please continue SeniorCare.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>Dear DHS Staff,</p> <p>I have had SeniorCare for a year and half and am extremely pleased and grateful that Wisconsin has provided this option for creditable prescription coverage.</p> <p>I would vote enthusiastically to continue this program indefinitely, but will gladly settle for the next 10 years.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I spent a long time with my mother to get her on this program and it helped her greatly. Tried to keep her well and help her with her medicines.</p> <p>She is now 92 years old and I am now at the age where I could benefit from this program. Please help us keep this very important program for all and the baby boomers that will need so much help. There are so many of us that are not so fortunate to be able to afford medicines and food at the same time. Do not make us choose between the two of them I beg you.</p> <p>thank you for your time,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Please support the extention [sic] of this wonderful program which helps to provide affordable prescriptions for Seniors like me. Thank you!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am a benefactor of this WONDERFUL program offered here in our State. I cannot afford other prescription insurance, and therefore without this program I would NOT be able to obtain my necessary mediations. The loss of this program to me would be SERIOUSLY detrimental!!!</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THIS PROGRAM AWAY FROM US!! Thank you!!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing to request that Wisconsin's SeniorCare for prescription drug coverage be extended another 10 years. With the cost of prescriptions continually on the rise this provides a way for Seniors with limited incomes to receive the medication they need without having to choose between medication and food or utilities.</p> <p>Sincerely, Shirley Barnum</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>The current waiver that allows Wisconsin to offer SeniorCare as a creditable alternative to Medicare Part D, but it's set to expire on Dec. 31.</p> <p>Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. With SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors, but one that is an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>Please extend the waiver that will make it possible for this program to continue.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>I am living below the poverty level. Without the help of special programs, I would not be able to get my monthly prescriptions. Unfortunately, I have to take daily Thyroid Hormone Replacement Meds daily. Since precancerous growths were found on my Thyroid and removed, this is med is not optional.</p> <p>Please extend the SeniorCare program(s) that make this possible.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>My husband has this coverage and it is great. Our income hasn't changed because the social security raise we would have got went to pay the higher Medicare premium so there is even less income with the higher costs of everything else this program is a godsend.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	I wholeheartedly support SeniorCare. I am 66 years old on Medicare. I am not using SeniorCare, but my mother was a tremendous supporter of the program. She enrolled and benefitted from the program throughout her last years of life. Until her death due to cancer. She talked about how valuable the program was for her, with her limited income. She lived in Medford, Wisconsin in Taylor County in north central Wisconsin.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	YES!!! SeniorCare is a win-win program for Wisconsin. YES!!! I'm all in for Wisconsin's request to extend a waiver for this program by 10 years.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	SeniorCare is a valuable asset to Wisconsin seniors that have worked to create a state that honors elders. Please maintain this program; it is something we can point to with pride.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	If it weren't for Senior Care, I would be dead. I do not exaggerate. I am 78 years old and even have to continue working part time to stay in my home. I know some people who won't move out of Wisconsin, just because of the terrific and life saving benefits of SENIORCARE. In the name of all that is merciful – PLEASE EXTEND SENIOR CARE FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN. (not yelling) THANK YOU	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I would like for you to support the SeniorCare program of Wisconsin and do any thing you can to save senior citizens money.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	Both my mother and I rely on SeniorCare to keep our costs down on medication. Who can we contact to fight for what we NEED. Both of us are on a fixed income and both are widows.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Yes to senior without it my wife and I could not afford her prescriptions.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Also you should provide financial assistance for family caregivers. I'm caring for my elderly mother with cancer and macular degeneration and helping sister with Ms . I'm 62, signed up for SS, but \$760.00 a month not much to live on.				Thanked the member for their comment and referred the member the ADRC in their area for additional help.
5/16/2018	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I wish to add my request with others that Wisconsin extend the current waiver set to expire 12/31/2018 regarding SeniorCare. Anything that can help Wisconsinites age 65-plus with any costs is needed. I experienced this a little with my recently deceased sister, who had to pay a lot of health care costs out of her own pocket, which isn't right after she had worked so long and hard before retiring.</p> <p>Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. I understand that with SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors, but one that is an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars. Anything that helps older Wisconsinites should be kept going, and I urge you to do so.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>To the Department, I am urging you to continue with the WI SeniorCare program and just as importantly to allow it to be creditable coverage under the Medicare Part D program.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>I do not partake in SeniorCare, at the present time. I have had relatives who needed this coverage, without it they would have been in big trouble without it. I have also worked in food pantry's where not only did the clients not have enough to eat, but also depended on SeniorCare for survival [sic]. We need to take care of our elderly citizens. There is a need for this so why would we discontinue the coverage. Please think of the People who need help!!!!</p> <p>Thank You For Reading My Note</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Extend SeniorCare	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I REALY appreciate SENIORCARE as a service for me. I can now afford my medicines. I want Wisconsin to continue to provide this service to all of our senior citizens..	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I am writing to voice my hope that SeniorCare of Wisconsin will extend beyond the current 12/2018 deadline. This service has helped me greatly in keeping my prescription drug costs under control. I am on a fixed income and need this service badly. Please extend the deadline during the next session. Thank you	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend the WI Sr. Care program for qualifying senior citizens.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	SeniorCare has to be extended for another ten years. When you take very expensive medicine it is the next thing to impossible to take it. SeniorCare helps. We don't get much increase in Social Security and when you depend on that to keep going you have to have some help from something. Please do not stop SeniorCare at the end of the year. We need it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Of course extend the program, 92,000 plus people who depend on this don't need to be scrambling to find a new and probably more costly program. Very few people have other alternatives like wealth, VA, or insurance through a job that pays these costs, expecially [sic] when you're 65 or older. Yes extend it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please continue the SeniorCare program. My recently deceased father, age 96, benefitted greatly from the program. I don't know what he would have done without it. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please keep SeniorCare for those seniors that need the financial help with their prescription medications. The cost of medications are astronomical and may seniors cannot afford their prescriptions. Thank you	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>I am requesting that SeniorCare does get extended for 10 more years.</p> <p>It is of the utmost importance that seniors, who are usually at a lower income, have available an affordable means to healthcare.</p> <p>Please vote to extend it.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	We need this SeniorCare extended here in Wisconsin!	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	Please keep this program. Or lower the price of medications-significantly!! Thanx	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please add my voice to that of other Wisconsin seniors who are behind extending the SeniorCare Program. We need, and deserve the benefits of SeniorCare. Please do NOT allow this coverage to lapse! Sincerely,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare for another 10 years. Thanks,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	This is a wonderful program which my mother was able to participate in for 11 years. Please do not take away this program from those who cannot afford the high cost of prescription drugs.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Please extend SeniorCare.</p> <p>By any measure, SeniorCare is a win-win program for Wisconsin and its participants. The costs of the program are largely managed by the state's ability to negotiate discounts and pricing. Enrollees pay an annual \$30 fee and deductibles are based on their average income. After the deductible, SeniorCare has a co-pay of \$5 for generic drugs and \$15 for name-brand drugs.</p> <p>Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. With SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors, but one that is an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>Thank you for this valued service.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	It is time that we take care of our own seniors, disabled veterans, veterans and all Americans. This country has taken funds from social security, to cover law maker's over spending. Stop taking care of all these other countries, never repaying this country.		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	To whom it may concern, I wish to express my support for The SeniorCare program in Wisconsin. The POTUS promise to effect changes in drug costs has fallen through and so once again seniors are facing outrageous price hikes in prescription drug costs. This Wisconsin program has already proven to be a win for our seniors.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare to those who desperately need it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am in agreement and support the statement below:</p> <p>The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is requesting a 10-year renewal of its section 1115 demonstration project for the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program to continue the program through December 31, 2028. SeniorCare, Wisconsin's prescription drug assistance program for Wisconsin residents who are 65 years of age or older, is designed to help seniors with their prescription drug costs.</p> <p>I am requesting an extension because it is crucial to many of the Wisconsin residents who depend on this type of aid.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Drug costs are a huge expense for many of Wisconsin's seniors. Please don't take away this benefit.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	I feel the SeniorCare program needs to be extended to 2028. Many seniors can not afford the high cost of life saving drugs.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	SeniorCare has been a great help to our aging population. Wisconsin need to continue it reputation in helping taking care of it most vulnerable citizens. Thanks,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend the period for SeniorCare.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I received the email about extending the coverage for Wisconsin prescription for Senior Citizens just before I was leaving to go to the drugstore to pick up four refill prescriptions. Without this plan I would be hard put to pick up all four of them. Before I was eligible for this plan I would have to pick and chose which one(s) I could get filled and still have money for bills and food. Please extend this plan because it is vital and it works. If it ain't broke don't fix it! Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	we need to keep helping us seniors with care and prescriptions. Health care is needed yet out of reach. we worked hard all our life for this?	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend the WI Senior Care until 2028. We need it very badly as pharma costs continue to go up. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a lifelong citizen of Wisconsin, I hope you will extend SeniorCare benefits. With the uncertainty at the federal level and the continued gouging by pharmaceutical companies for necessary medications, it is truly a question of life or death for many people. It is my hope that, regardless of the partisan political climate, leaders will come together to do the right thing and continue this program.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please do not stop SeniorCare. It is not just not right to deny health care for those who need.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	This is a necessary service as our population ages, even tho many do save for retirement care.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	please extend SeniorCare in Wisconsin.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend help to seniors to keep drug costs affordable!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend the plan for another 10 years. Thanks,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please continue SeniorCare. It is very cost saving.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Please extend the SeniorCare program for another ten years. It is the most effective way I can afford prescriptions.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>My wife and I participate in the SeniorCare medication program. We are low income retirees, and SeniorCare is an essential program in our lives. With it, we can afford our medications, AND food and other necessities of life. If SeniorCare ended, we would not be able to afford our medications, or the high premiums and co-pays of a regular Medicare D policy, especially the doughnut hole that still exists.</p> <p>My wife's mother was also in this program, and it was a lifesaver for her. Before I found SeniorCare for her, she was spending almost half of her monthly social security income for medication, was cutting back on food, and paying her energy bills late. Her life improved after she was enrolled in SeniorCare.</p> <p>Please, please extend the waiver for this much needed program! It is a life-saver for over 90,000 Wisconsin seniors!</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Retired- and loving it!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Please continue this program. I work with folks on Medicare and this is a wonderful help to those clients.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>My mother was on SeniorCare for part of her last years. It helped a lot. Please continue the program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>While I don't qualify for SeniorCare , I know a lot of friends and relatives who could not afford their drugs without this valuable program. Please support the continuation of SeniorCare to help our low income seniors with their health.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	Please continue the SeniorCare program. As a agent, the ability to direct Medicare recipients to a viable alternative and cost savings option for prescription drugs is a win for Wisconsin's seniors who are already fighting rising costs on every hand. Many people with a Medicare Supplement find the SeniorCare option a great opportunity and I am always happy to direct clients to it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I am 63-years old, currently in the hospital. I'm insured but not everyone is as lucky. Please vote to keep this essential program. Sincerely,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	My 93 year old mother and my disabled sister rely on SeniorCare 100%. My older sister, especially, would NEVER be able to afford all the medicines she's been on for years if she didn't have SeniorCare. She lives in "low income" based housing--which she dislikes immensely as there is so much negative reaction to those words: low income. She is there through no fault of her own. She has been devastated by multiple illnesses and is now facing blindness due to macular degeneration. PLEASE fight for SeniorCare to be renewed. There are SO many people that wouldn't be able to afford their medications without it.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>Dear Reader</p> <p>PATH is a public service organization with a mission to bring truth to the health care debate.</p> <p>Public Access to Healthcare (PATH) is important for all citizens of Wisconsin. Please do everything to support SeniorCare.</p> <p>We will be watching and supporting your efforts on behalf of SeniorCare.</p> <p>Visit us at www.path-wi.org http://www.path-wi.org</p> <p>PATH member</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>I am currently 61 years of age. After a lifetime of working I was laid off at age 60 from my long held job of 32 years without any benefits. I am not even an unemployment statistic since I have not signed up for unemployment benefits and I am continuing to look for meaningful work that will pay the bills. At my age this is not easy. By the time I turn 65 I should be completely broke from living off of my savings for five years if things continue as they are. If not broke long before if I don't find work.</p> <p>I am writing to implore the State Department of Health Services to do whatever is in its power to request and push for the SeniorCare program to be extended another ten years. I believe this is an invaluable program for senior citizens of Wisconsin. It is a win win by any measure for all parties involved. I can already see how this may affect me in the future, even though at this time I am in fairly good health.</p> <p>Thank you for listening</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Without SeniorCare my parent could not have afforded their medications and world have died sooner and in more pain. This program is one program that works and is economical for all stakeholders, not just the elderly it serves. Please do not destroy this program. My parents were even willing to pay a little more for it, like \$50 a month. I am sure there are many other seniors sin the same situation as my parents - not much income (about \$800 a month) but benefiting from the program and willing to pay what they could.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Keep SeniorCare in Wisconsin! We have a program that is working and allowing us affordable medication. Let It Keep Working!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Width [sic] the cost of med's going up all the time our savings and SSA just don't make it work to well. Think about it, either SeniorCare or older people dieing [sic] in the street. That is not to [sic] far fetched the way things are going.		X		Thanked the member for their comment.
5/16/2018	Please continue the SeniorCare program.... If continuing this is not a viable option, please work towards a system where our seniors can still afford their medications, etc. There are many elderly Wisconsin residents counting on these programs to maintain the quality of their lives. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	extend SeniorCare it is good to have this	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Should remain in effect. Helpful to all of our hard working individuals who have now retired and are on a fixed income	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	I'm writing to request that you consider extending SeniorCare another 10 years. The people that are receiving this benefit are the poorest of our senior citizens and taking it from them would cause many of them to go without the medications they need. How we treat our elderly says a lot about the people of our state, I would hope we could proudly say we take care of our most vulnerable citizens. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please, please, do advocate to retain or increase the benefits. I will remind you of the many seniors living on a fixed income. They need every penny for their day to day needs. I am not a clever writer, but I am direct. Please help!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I work at the county level with elderly, blind and disabled citizens applying for FoodShare and Medicaid benefits. Many of these people are on fixed incomes and cannot afford the cost of medical care and their prescriptions. I am in favor of continuing the SeniorCare program for the people of Wisconsin.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare for 10 years with a waiver. Please extend SeniorCare in WI.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please continue funding for this valuable program. Continue to use our buying power to help the group that has paid for our institutions and served our country in times of war and peace.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	We need care for our elders. If anything we should be adding programs to take care of them in their final years. I'm totally in favor of the senior extended care program 10 year extension. Respectfully,	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare in Wisconsin for 10 years. Without it, my sister would have to pay over \$232 a month for prescriptions instead of \$90. When she only gets \$1032.00/month it makes a huge difference in what she can afford to pay in rent.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I've worked my entire life starting at age 13. My social security is \$839.00 per month and my rent is \$600.00 not including utilities, garbage, etc.... Yes, please extend the program for another 10 years.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	From a geriatric health care provider: I believe SeniorCare is a desperately needed, cost effective program for seniors who are unable to have Medicare part D. Please extend the waiver for SeniorCare for an additional 10 years. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please keep the SeniorCare drug plan in effect for the future, it is a great program that Wisconsin can be proud of and it helps many people. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Dear DHSS, Please have a heart... Help seniors in Wisconsin with drug costs. Drug costs are so high and I know because I need several drugs. I can afford Medicare and Part D. I don't know what else these	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	My mother used SeniorCare for many years. It was of great benefit for her as she was low income. I am hoping it will still be in place when I turn 65 next year. I will be low income also and have diabetes so it would be nice to have help with prescriptions costs which keep rising. Sincerely,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare through 2028.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	We need to save this innovative and cost saving program for Wisconsin residents!! Thank you!!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please keep SeniorCare in Wisconsin. Until he passed a few years ago my father used it and it was a lifesaver. It let him afford the care he needed while staying in his home longer. Please keep it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend SeniorCare through 2028. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Many retired and disabled seniors have a hard time paying for their drugs when drug companies keep raising their prices higher each year. While their income doesn't go up at all in comparison. Seniors need plans or programs to help them afford their drugs, this is where government is supposed to help!		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I am of the people that uses SeniorCare. It helps so much more than Medic-Care part "D". Please extend SeniorCare so that we can continue to be a state really helps it's senior citizens. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please continue this innovative program. It's important to those who need insurance coverage at a sane price.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend Senior Care. Rising costs for medical treatments are breaking us seniors. Thank You for caring.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	Please extend waiver past December 2018.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	SeniorCare is a must how much more do the Seniors have to lose	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	This programs is so helpful and necessary to many of our Wisconsin residents. Please continue to allow this programs to exist and expand so that many more may benefit. For those of you in election mode—we are watching and will take note of your position, statements and vote. Please listen to your constituents and do the right thing for the people of Wisconsin. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I know SeniorCare works: a friend used it & got excellent care she otherwise could not afford. With SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors, but one that is an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars. Please do the right thing & extend the program.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	It seems Senior citizen resources are being cut now that the boomers are fast approaching 65. It would seem obvious that now is the time to increase rather than to eliminate the resources that are so vitally needed by our citizens who have done their part to have the medical services they need in their retirement , ESPECIALLY PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE!		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	seniors representative the smallest demographics in the workplace. how can we afford our medications when we have little or no earned income? It's a no brainer to approve the extension.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	I live in Burlington< Wi and SeniorCare is important to me and my relatives, keeping us well and out of hospital. Extend it to 2028.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/16/2018	SeniorCare helps more than 92,000 Wisconsinites age 65-plus with their prescription drug costs. But the current waiver that allows Wisconsin to offer SeniorCare as a creditable alternative to Medicare Part D		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>I have a \$500 deductible with SeniorCare. Even with their help, my prescription costs vary from \$16 to \$76 each month! Cannot imagine what the costs might be without SeniorCare, for as it is, I'm dipping into my savings every month for medications. Once I'm truly broke, I suppose I will just have to start skipping most of these meds! I have already prepaid for my cremation, thought this was preferable to giving my last dime to pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>Anything that can be done to help Seniors would be appreciated more than you can imagine. Hope you will keep, or expand SeniorCare.</p> <p>Thank you....</p>	X			Thanked the member for their comment and insured the member that DHS is always looking at ways to control the costs of drugs without impacting our members.
5/16/2018	Please help protect our senior citizens with adequate drug coverage by extending SeniorCare through 2028. These elderly have not had time to prepare for losing coverages. Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. Please help them and future elderly by keeping this program in place.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/16/2018	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I would respectfully ask you to seriously consider renewing the current Senior Health Care program in WI. I am nearing the retirement age as is my wife. I also have 2 elderly parents in WI that will utilize the program.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	I Timothy extend my hand and support to AARP senior care program to ensure of its security and safety of the program Of the AARP senior care medical program My email is as follows @gmail.com And maybe Used in the support of the AARP Senior medical program for its use Only there will be no for the use of my email other than the use of the AARP senior medical program I Timothy allow AARP To utilize my email for the use of the AARP senior medical program no further use Can Or Will be use for any other program matters I support Only The AARP Senior Medical Program.	X			Thanked the member for their comment. Clarified with the member that SeniorCare administers the program and AARP provies extensive support and encouragement of the program.
5/17/2018	Please extend this program so that vulnerable seniors are not denied care at a reasonable cost.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Please extend this program. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Thank you for taking time to reconsider eliminating [sic] SeniorCare . Those of us who are, "coming of age" have worked hard for this and some of us still working. A small benefit such as SeniorCare can make a huge difference for seniors trying to make it on a pretty tight income. Thank you, and please consider doing what's right.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	<p>I am a retired Wisconsinite who uses SeniorCare for my prescription drug cost. I know that they current e [sic] alternative to Medicare Part D is currently set to expire on Dec. 31, 2018.</p> <p>Please [c]onsider to extend SeniorCare through to 2028 for the thousand retored [sic] Wisconsin seniors.</p> <p>SeniorCare is a win-win program for Wisconsin and its participants. The costs of the program are largely managed by the state's ability to negotiate discounts and pricing. Enrollees pay an annual \$30 fee and deductibles are based on their average income. After the deductible, SeniorCare has a co-pay of \$5 for generic drugs and \$15 for name-brand drugs.</p> <p>Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. With SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors, but one that is an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>Thank you for you[r] consideration</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>I support all efforts to continue SeniorCare. I am not eligible but many friends, neighbors, people from church and other groups are subscribers and the program is so beneficial. Without SeniorCare some would be choosing between their meds and eating.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>SeniorCare has been an important resource in my health care. Fulfilling my obligation for health care coverage and catastrophic coverage were my reasons for the affordable coverage. I am requesting that you extend the SeniorCare option. Jeff Vollstedt</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	Dear Sirs, Please vote to extend Wisconsin SeniorCare. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	We need to maintain a way of life that is worth having for seniors. It makes no sense to have a huge military if our way of life is not worth protecting. Thanks, R		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Please, please continue this valuable program. It's a struggle to make ends meet. This program offers some financial comfort. For someone on a fixed income this means so much to combat the extreme cost of health care and necessary medications.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	We all know how unaffordable the prescription medication market is and how desperate the need for care by many seniors in Wisconsin [sic]. Please included my concern about losing SeniorCare in Wisconsin. Our government has been playing to the lowest morale agenda for far too long and leaving the poorest and most needy in need. SeniorCare is a vital part of sustaining our citizens. God Bless,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	I have been using SeniorCare for 3 years. Without this program I would have to make a choice between medicine or food. With have some physical restrictions that do not allow me to work, earning extra money is not an option. Trying to pay for a prescription drug program was impossible as premiums were having large increases every year.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	I support the extension of Wisconsin SeniorCare prescription drug plan for another 10 years. It is a very good program.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	Please do your best to extend the SeniorCare program. It was so beneficial for my mother. Seniors with limited income are just not able to afford the high cost of prescription drugs! This is vital for our seniors!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	My dad and aunt are in a nursing home. With the cost of a nursing home stay, SeniorCare helps keep other cares affordable. If this program is extended they will be assured of continuous care and it will ease the emotional as well as financial strain that would otherwise occur. Please extend this program for the next ten years.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Seniors in the state of Wisconsin have spent their lives improving the quality of life in the state. They have earned to right to live the final years with dignity and respect. They have also “ paid their Dues “ and should expect to be taken care of in the twilight of their lives. Don’t take that away. Please continue the waiver for Badger Care in Wisconsin. <i>Note: The email subject line indicated SeniorCare even though BadgerCare is referenced.</i>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	My husband and I respectfully request that you keep the SeniorCare program in place. We are not heavily medicated people and therefore don’t really need to pay the high and RISING premiums of PartD-participating companies. As seniors, this program has been an enormously beneficial. Please, we urge you to keep the program in place. In addition, low income folks simply can’t afford to pay the high premiums I referred to. Thank you very much for considering this opinion.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Please keep it going	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	SeniorCare is a lifeline for many in the State. I do volunteer driving for Doctor Appts and Grocery shopping for seniors as part of the non-profit East Side Senior Service. I encounter many elderly that are at minimal survival levels in our area. I am sure that this level of existence is evident in rural as well as city living. Don't take away these basic services.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Please extend the deadline on SeniorCare. It has greatly helped my Mother who, at 78 has Alzheimer's and Dementia. She is on a fixed income and a very tight budget, and SeniorCare has assisted with the cost of her meds. For myself, at 52, I would like the option to still be out there when I'm in need of assistance, as I will be in the same financial situation as she is. Thank you for listening,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Fix this please and don't delay! Thanks very very much. Glenn	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE...continue this program!! Sincerely,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Please extend the SeniorCare for Wisconsin's elderly.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	YOU ARE GOING TO STEAL FROM SENIORCARE NOW TO PAY FOR ALL THE CORRUPTION OF SCOTT WALKER AND THE OTHER CRIMINAL POLITICIANS FROM THE PAST!! TIME WE THE PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY NEED THE HELP GET IT AND THE CORRUPT CRIMINAL POLITICIANS AND THEIR RICH BRIBERS DO THEIR FARE SHARE!! IT IS SICKENING THAT THE RICH KEEP GETTING RICHER AS MORE AND MORE IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THOSE THAT NEED IT!! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!! HEALTHCARE IS NOT HEALTHCARE BUT A MONEY MAKING SCAM BY THE RICH AND IT NEEDS TO STOP!! WE THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF THIS GARBAGE AND IT IS TIME TO START DOING WHAT'S RIGHT AND LOWERING SENIORCARE AND NOTHING ELSE THAT'S WHAT'S RIGHT!! #ResistTheGreedAndCorruption		X		Member was thanked for their comments.
5/17/2018	Good Morning, Please help to extend the Wisconsin SeniorCare program. I don't use it, but have friends and relatives that count on it for their prescriptions. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	<p>SeniorCare helps 50,000 Wisconsin senior citizens who need prescribed pharmaceuticals to stay healthy. Most are on fixed incomes that are determined by how much they earned while working, or on assistance that is not designed to keep pace with accelerating health care costs. Even for those who wisely saved for medical costs during retirement, that money was saved based on the known procedures, drugs and prices that were available at the time the money was saved. They need serious help to pay for new medical innovations and drugs, some of which were not even imagined during their working years.</p> <p>I therefore strongly urge you to support extension of SeniorCare, a program which should serve as a model for other states around the nation in caring for their seniors.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>Wisconsin's SeniorCare prescription drug program is much appreciated as an option to other insurance companies part D plans. I just turned 65 and have subscribed to SeniorCare and am hoping that the SeniorCare program will be extended another 10 years. Thank you for listening and the work you do for Seniors!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>Even though I'm not covered by SeniorCare, I still feel it is a much needed program to allow seniors support as well as a safety net. Even with our retirement income plus Social Security, our family has to watch our expenses. People/seniors who are economically challenged need this support.</p> <p>I encourage our Wisconsin State Legislature to continue funding these services.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	<p>I turned 70 last year and had to retire for health reasons. I'm am living strictly on Social Security because I have no pension to draw on.</p> <p>Before I qualified for SeniorCare, I had another drug supplement plan. Once I hit the donut hole in August of last year, I actually had to stop taking one of my prescribed medications because I simply could not afford to pay the cost to have it refilled every month. I did have to keep refilling the blood thinner medication, but it was an extreme financial drain on my very limited income.</p> <p>Since I've been on SeniorCare, I have been able to pay the co-pay to have both of these Tier 3 prescriptions refilled. I couldn't manage without it.</p> <p>Please vote to extend the SeniorCare program through 2028. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>SeniorCare provides accessible and affordable plans for medications for senior citizens and I am grateful to be a SeniorCare recipient. SeniorCare has helped me personally with the high cost of prescriptions. Please continue this program to help those of us on fixed incomes.</p> <p>Thank you, Judy Kelegian</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>I am writing to encourage the extension of SeniorCare. It has proven to be a lifesaver for people on fixed incomes. It enables me to actually create some form of a budget knowing what my prescription costs will be monthly.</p> <p>Thanking you in advance. MR Miller</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	<p>My dad who is 74 years old, is disabled due to a stroke 5 years ago. He has limited income with social security being his only income source. He relies on SeniorCare. His monthly medication is outrageous. He couldn't afford it. Seniors rely on these types of programs. We cannot take this program away or cut these programs. Our seniors worked hard all of their lives, they deserve to be taken care of better than what we do. I'm appalled at all of the cuts aimed at our senior citizens. Let them enjoy their final years without the constant financial worries caused by health care and medication. They deserve our respect and the ability to enjoy their final years.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>I would like to express my support for Wisconsin's SeniorCare program to be extended for another 10 years. It would be a tremendous help to low-income seniors to pay for high-priced drugs they badly need. Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>I am a senior citizen that is depending on Wisconsin to aid in caring for their seniors. Please continue with [the] SeniorCare program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>To the Honorable Scott Walker, I do not use SeniorCare to buy drugs, but pay the annual fee to maintain the requirement to have a drug plan as required by Social Security. I know a number of Seniors that do the same. It does not cost the State of Wisconsin any funds and they get the enrollment fee, so please extend the program. Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	Please support the extension of SeniorCare to 2028 to provide affordable prescription coverage to our Wisconsin Senior Citizens. As a fellow Senior, I know the high cost has become out of reach for myself and many others. Thank you for supporting this coverage.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	I had the opportunity to hear about the program and how much it benefits the seniors in Wisconsin. I would like to express my support for the extension of SeniorCare.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Yes, please vote to extend SeniorCare in Wisconsin. It is a very helpful and easy to use program. Thank you !	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	My Mom, Husband & I have used Senior Care for many years. We have been very pleased.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	We have been very happy with SeniorCare. My Mom, my husband & I.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Extend SeniorCare	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	Extend part D for 10 more years.		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	SeniorCare is an important program to help seniors get their medications at reasonable prices. Please don't do away with it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	The SeniorCare prescription plan is crucial to the well being of senior citizens who otherwise could not afford needed medicines. It saves money in the long run by reducing ER visits, unnecessary illnesses that can cost taxpayers even more.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	<p>Hi, Wanted to let you know how much my wife and I appreciate SeniorCare. I recently had a major medical procedure and needed several expensive prescriptions after it. If not for SeniorCare I could not have afforded to get them. Please extend this very important coverage for 10 more years. Today's seniors really need it! Thanks,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>Hi, my mother-in-law is on SeniorCare. This is a major help to her as her only income is social security. It is literally a life saver for her. Please obtain the needed waiver to keep this in place!</p> <p>Thank you so much!!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>Wisconsin DHS Dear Sir or Madame:</p> <p>Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. With SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors, but one that is an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>Please ask the federal government for a ten year extension so the Great State of Wisconsin can continue this excellent program for another 10 years.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this request.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/17/2018	<p>I am a Stephen Minister in my church. Many people in our congregation are seniors on a fixed income. SeniorCare helps people like them afford the medications they need. Drug costs are soaring, and are especially high for drugs that don't have a generic yet. An older person on a fixed income may have to choose between getting a medication and doing without it...suffering the consequences of an untreated condition. Please extend the waiver for SeniorCare for another 10 years. It has helped so many, and so many still need help.</p> <p>Mary Grossnickle</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/17/2018	<p>SeniorCare is the most practical, useful, and financial drug plan available to all levels of income in the state of Wisconsin for persons over 65 years of age. My elderly mother was able to have this plan having only social security as income to support herself. She was able to have this drug plan and drug coverage at a reasonable price meeting her needs. If she had to go elsewhere for coverage that would not be possible under the circumstances-costs would be prohibitive. It then becomes a choice as to what she needs and can afford, which means some drugs would go unfilled or food choices. We also have selected SeniorCare as our drug insurance. We are very grateful that it is in place and ask that it be maintained as it is with the present premiums and levels of service. This is one of the few programs offered by the state that is actually beneficial to all over 65 years of age and needs to be maintained.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>Please extend SeniorCare through 2028 Thank You</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/18/2018	<p>Please vote to extend the Wisconsin Care Program. We should be doing everything to keep medical costs down for everyone. This is one thing we can do to save our seniors money so they can afford their prescriptions.</p> <p><i>Note: The email subject line indicated SeniorCare even though Wisconsin Care is referenced.</i></p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>Please consider extending Wisconsin Senior Care to 2028. It is a critical resource For many seniors. Thank You for your consideration.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>We really, really need this program. My rx inhaler costs \$400.00. Who can afford this?</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>Please don't allow SeniorCare to expire! It's a beneficial program for our state's elders.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>My Mom worked hard to help with this, it's important for seniors to have help with additional health costs. I'm not quite old enough to use it but I sure hope it's still around when/if I ever need it.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>Please extend Wisconsin's waiver for this program by 10 years. It is a program that helps the elderly.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>Working in retail pharmacy for 22 years, SeniorCare is a big help to seniors in providing cost effective medication coverage.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>I am very much in favor of SeniorCare. Please extend this program, I have used it for many years. Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>We need to keep SeniorCare for another 10 years. I have very little money \$ left after paying bills to pay for all my prescriptions. I don't know what will happen. I couldn't get my prescriptions. Please keep senior care for our prescriptions. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/18/2018	I urge you to do everthing [sic] possible to keeping WI SeniorCare available, it's the best plan available, don't mess with something that actually works. We have had a very good experence [sic] with this plan.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	Please very much extending the SeniorCare Program through 2028. This program is critical to many senior citizens in the United States and in Wisconsin. Please keep this program going! Thanks...	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/18/2018	<p>Hello: My Mom spent the last several years of her life working with AARP to get SeniorCare passed to help the senior citizens of Wisconsin. She considered it one of her greatest accomplishments.</p> <p>Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month. And the situation os [sic] getting more and more dire with rising costs of living and the soaring costs of medications. With SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors but one that is also an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>SeniorCare helps more than 92,000 Wisconsinites age 65-plus with their prescription drug costs.</p> <p>SeniorCare is a great program for Wisconsin and its participants. The costs of the program are largely managed by the state's ability to negotiate discounts and pricing. Enrollees pay an annual \$30 fee and deductibles are based on their average income. After the deductible, SeniorCare has a co-pay of \$5 for generic drugs and \$15 for name-brand drugs.</p> <p>Wisconsin's SeniorCare has proven to be a great program and could very well be a model for the nation to help senior citizens.</p> <p>The current waiver that permits SeniorCare as a creditable alternative to Medicare Part D expires on Dec. 31, 2018. Please allow the waiver to e extended for another 10 years. Thank you.</p>				Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	<p>I have been very lucky to have had SeniorCare for many years. It has helped me so much to be able to live on my limited income. Please continue this valuable service for us seniors. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/18/2018	<p>Keep SeniorCare. It's a win-win program for Wisconsin.</p> <p>AARP is right. SeniorCare is a win-win for WI. Adults who worked hard all their lives, but aren't able to pay high price, get the meds they need. And [t]he drug companies reduce fees while still making lots of money. Win-win for all concerned.</p> <p>I remember when old folks (in the '50's that meant over 65) went without food to buy meds., or went without meds to buy food - thus getting sick, not being able to care for grandchildren, and costing the government more more because they didn't get care till their health problems were acute.</p> <p>Nobody wants to go back to 1950's health care. It's not effective and it's more expensive in the long run.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/18/2018	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing to support the Wisconsin SeniorCare Program. While I do not qualify for the program, I have a number of friends who do. This program has been a real life-saver for theming has allowed them to not have to choose between medications they desperately need and food/rent. Wisconsin has been a leader in supporting its seniors in a way that allows them to remain active and live their lives as active members of their family and the community. This allows them to be treated like elders as they should be, rather than constantly struggling and worrying.</p> <p>This SeniorCare program has been, and continues to be, a model program. It is my hope that it continues to benefit our elders and the entire community. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program.</p> <p>Sincerely, Neil C. Van Rossum</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/18/2018	This drug coverage was so VERY IMPORTANT to my Mom from its beginnings. Without this she would not have been able to afford those prescriptions that she needed, and she lived to be 101 years of age on very little monetary sustenance yearly - so it was very important. I have also read that this is the best drug coverage in the U.S and actually SAVES money. It should NOT be discontinued, but should be implemented in every state if the U.S!!!!!!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/18/2018	This is a program that I feel is the minimum needed to assist seniors in staying healthy and in living decently. I am a medical first responder for an all Volunteer Fire Department. I am horrified at the lack of resources this state had for seniors (and many others). We desperately need home care, mental health care, care for drugs, transportations services where an ambulance is not required, and many others. We can be the BEST - let's stop thinking and acting like we are the worst.		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/19/2018	Since we have to have prescription coverage I have had Senior Care for several years now. I pay the \$30 yearly and it helps me since I am not on any prescriptions and do not have to pay a monthly fee. It really helps my fixed income. We need to keep SeniorCare, since it surely helps a lot of our seniors! Sincerely	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/19/2018	Please do not let SeniorCare expire on Dec 2018. This is a very important savings program for my husband and I who are living on a fixed income. It is the only way I can purchase a very expensive medication to help me to not have a stroke. I appreciate your consideration Thank you	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/19/2018	You have such a good thing with SeniorCare, Please don't discontinue it. It is the best that Wisconsin could have made, I'm so happy we found it so many years ago.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/19/2018	Please extend SeniorCare for whatever term is possible. At almost 87 it is wonderful to be able to get my prescriptions each month using SeniorCare. Sincerely,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/19/2018	Our Medicare coverage continue to decrease while healthcare costs escalated. SeniorCare gives retirees a break on drug costs while we are forced to eliminate taking them because we can't afford them.		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/20/2018	The SeniorCare should be continued, fortunately I don't reach the \$500.00 but does make the purchases less expensive. I am 87. Thank You	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/20/2018	I feel it's very important to extend the SeniorCare program through 2028. Sincerely,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/20/2018	Hello, I am a current 67 year old single female who received the much appreciated Wisconsin SeniorCare prescription drug benefit. I plead with you to extend this benefit for another decade. I am able to manage my drug costs, and good health with this much needed program. Thank you. Donna Bartuski	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/20/2018	I am writing to request that the SeniorCare Drug Program be continued for the next 10 years. We rely heavily on this program for our drug needs. The cost of drugs continues to rise and we have limited funds to afford the rising costs. Please assure us that this program will continue. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/20/2018	SeniorCare is a wonderful program for prescription savings for seniors. I think that it should be continued. I have recently retired from Economic Support in Human Services and have talked to hundreds of seniors who use the program and believe it is a benefit that should be continued.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/20/2018	<p>I support the extension of SeniorCare. Us seniors have worked our whole life and when we reach Senior status, we are continually being charged extra fees. There is no break for us, that why Senior Care is so valued by us Seniors.</p> <p>We are on a fixed income, and prices are going up and up, we need a break once in a while.</p> <p>If Gov Scott Walker votes against SeniorCare, I will definitely vote for the other party.</p>	x			Follow up was not needed.
5/20/2018	<p>Please do whatever is necessary to continue SeniorCare. I am 80 and live on \$1482 per month Social Security. Within the past three years I have developed atrial fibulation and oral cancer which has necessitated three extensive surgeries. Four years ago I was told about SeniorCare and have been on it ever since. There is no way I would be able to afford my medications without SeniorCare. I am sure there are many people who are in worse shape than I am. Please do not allow SeniorCare to expire.</p> <p>Sue Mercier</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/20/2018	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing to express my support for continuing the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program for another 10 years.</p> <p>My mother was in this program, and we were thankful for it even though she had never met the deductible. It gave her an affordable way to have creditable insurance and peace of mind that should she need more medications, those too would have been affordable.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/21/2018	<p>Dear Department of Health Services,</p> <p>I am sending you this email to let you know that I support SeniorCare as an alternative to Medicare Part D. I understand that it is to expire in December and it should extend for another 10 years. It is an innovative and cost effective drug plan that saves seniors money.</p> <p>Diane L. Sass</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/21/2018	<p>Department of health services: We urge the continuation of the SeniorCare prescription program, as new retirees it has allowed us to join a value plan for health insurance that best fits our health and lifestyle. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/21/2018	<p>SeniorCare is very important to me, with just my advantage plan I cannot afford the drops for my glaucoma. I must use brand name, which is way too expensive. Please extend this program another 10 years. I am not eligible for Medicaid. Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/21/2018	<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>As an Insurance Broker who specializes in assisting Wisconsin residents with Medicare benefits for Seniors, I strongly recommend extending SeniorCare coverage to our Wisconsin residents.</p> <p>Many of my customers cannot afford the copays and gap costs pertaining to Medicare's Part D prescription drug coverage. Without SeniorCare coverage these individuals would either do without their medications or not eat.</p> <p>Please extend SeniorCare for another 10 years.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/21/2018	I have SeniorCare please don't take this away.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/21/2018	<p>I am aware that the waiver to continue this program will expire at the end of this year. I work with senior citizens on a daily basis who not only use but depend on SeniorCare to obtain their Medicare prescription drugs. I fully support SeniorCare and hope it will be renewed as it greatly benefits our elderly population.</p> <p>Thank you....</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/21/2018	<p>Dear DHS,</p> <p>Please continue the SeniorCare prescription program for senior citizens in Wisconsin. My mother, Darlene Redsten, has SeniorCare because she has a very limited income and this program is very affordable. Having this program extended for another 10 years would be very beneficial for my mother and many other senior citizens in the state of Wisconsin.</p> <p>My mother would not be able to afford the cost of living without this program. The only income she receives is through Social Security. The cost of her prescriptions would be very high without Senior.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/21/2018	I am writing to encourage you to extend the SeniorCare Waiver renewal request for Wisconsin to 2028. This is a valuable program for Senior to access prescription/medication insurance affordably.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	I am on SeniorCare and without it, I can not afford my prescriptions at all. I have done everything to keep this program active for me and I don't want it to stop. Please help me and other Seniors to keep getting the medication we all need. PLEASE	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/22/2018	<p>I support the extension of SeniorCare. Us seniors have worked our whole life and when we reach Senior status, we are continually being charged extra fees. There is no break for us, that why Senior Care is so valued by us Seniors.</p> <p>We are on a fixed income, and prices are going up and up, we need a break once in a while.</p> <p>If Gov Scott Walker votes against SeniorCare, I will definitely vote for the other party.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	<p>I support the extension of SeniorCare. Us seniors have worked our whole life and when we reach Senior status, we are continually being charged extra fees. There is no break for us, that why Senior Care is so valued by us Seniors.</p> <p>We are on a fixed income, and prices are going up and up, we need a break once in a while.</p> <p>If Gov Scott Walker votes against SeniorCare, I will definitely vote for the other party.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	<p>Please extend this savings program for seniors in the State of Wisconsin. Without it, I would have to choose between buying groceries and taking my prescriptions. This program has saved many seniors from having to make this choice! I am pleading with you to extend this waiver for another ten years.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	<p>I would like to comment on the SeniorCare Waiver that is set to expire December 31, 2018. I would like to see it reinstated as it is of great benefit [sic] to seniors here in Wisconsin.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/22/2018	PLEASE RENEW SeniorCare for at least 10 more years. Without it, I would not be able to afford my prescriptions. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	SeniorCare is an important program in Wisconsin. Poverty seniors and others who qualify, can receive medicine at lower rates than those who [are] in Medicare part D. It is do easy to apply and is easy to understand. This is very helpful to people who do not have care givers or family to help them manage health care. Many are widows or widowers who live alone, so something easy to handle is important to them. Without SeniorCare, I am sure some sick people would go without medicine. If you had an relative in these circumstances, you would find this program very helpful and be proud that you voted to extend this program.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	Please extend this program. I am just about ready to sign up for this innovative program.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/208	As an 86 year old Wisconsin resident I support the renewal of SeniorCare. It is very important for Wisconsin Seniors.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	One only has to look at the number of elderly in Wisconsin who benefit from this program to see the effects and need. My mother who is 92 and legally blind would have no idea how to navigate the quagmire that is Medicare Part D. Now, all she has to do is show her SeniorCare Card, pay the copay and walk out the door. This program has become a national showcase on the correct way to provide prescription drugs to the people who need them the most. It must be continued. Sincerely,	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/23/2018	This is to express my interest in extending the SeniorCare for prescription drug coverage. Currently I am 63 and heading down the path of social security and Medicare and will want the best care possible without braking [sic] bank. Thank you	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/23/2018	I am writing in support of the wavier to extend SeniorCare for 10 more years. It will give senior a sense of security in planning for their health needs in the future. It will give a senior a simple system to used. The program will be locally controlled. It will help control the cost drug cost for senio[rs]	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/23/2018	I am writing this email in support of Wisconsin request for a 10 year waiver to continue the state SeniorCare program. The waiver will help the seniors in Wisconsin in their long term planning for drug care which now totals over 92,000 individuals. The program is simple for seniors and will help control the cost of drugs which continue to raise yearly and put a burden on the individuals with limited income.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/23/2018	In a nutshell, if I didn't have SC I would not be able to get my meds. I take 5 meds that involve a co-pay. The money just wouldn't be there. This is the best ins for Rx I have ever seen- everyone qualifies, one payment \$30.00 a year, extremely reasonable co-payments. No other state has a program like this. I have diabetes, glaucoma (2 surgery[sic]), congestive heart failure and SC is vital for my health.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/23/2018	<p>Mr. Walker (Goveror [sic]) Ending SeniorCare to me would be very disgusted [sic] because I need for my health and for my cost down. You people are not keep[ing] the baby bomoer [sic] alive!</p> <p>I support SeniorCare. I have been using the program since I turned 65. I am now 70. Please keep it.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/23/2018	<p>Dear Governor Walker- I can't begin to tell you how much we need the SeniorCare 10 year waiver. Since September 1, 2002 I have signed up thousands of seniors. We can tell at the state level how many Wisconsin residents use this program. Please keep it in the budget. Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/23/2018	<p>Dear Governor Walker: I benefit from SeniorCare. I really hate the thought of it being ended. Many People use SeniorCare. Please reconsider Keeping SeniorCare in the Budget. Sincerely [sic],</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/23/2018	<p>Dear Governor Walker: I would like to see SeniorCare stay. It benefits so very many people. Please reconsider and keep SeniorCare in the budget. Sincerely [sic],</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/23/2018	<p>I have been on SeniorCare since Sept 1, 2002 and I sure would like it to continue. I have benefited from this program for all these years. I would realy hate it to discontinue it. Sincerley,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/23/2018	<p>Dear Department of Health Services:</p> <p>I understand that the SeniorCare program for Wisconsin is up for renewal. I live in far Northern Wisconsin and have not been able to attend the public hearings. But I live in an area with many low income seniors and I am about to turn 65 myself and I spent my working career in long term care. I ask you to please renew this program for the seniors of Wisconsin to allow them to obtain their necessary medications at a reasonable cost. This program has been very effective in our area, allowing older Wisconsinites to continue to live independently because they can maintain optimal health with the medications they need. Please don't let this benefit go away!</p> <p>Sincerely</p>	X			An email was sent out with the link to view the recorded meeting.
5/23/2018	This seems to be a great program. Please request authorization to continue it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/24/2018	<p>SeniorCare is a great program and I hope it will continue. Without SeniorCare I estimate it would cost me at least \$500 or more per year for drug coverage.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/24/2018	<p>Please HELP Wisconsin's most vulnerable seniors to obtain medical prescriptions they need by extending the SeniorCare waiver for another ten years.</p> <p>It is heartbreaking to me when I hear story after story about retired citizens from our state in the U.S. of AMERICA cutting their required dosages, sharing their prescriptions with loved ones, skipping their medications or, WORSE, not getting them in the first place! This happens in OUR COUNTRY because of the inability to pay high medical drug prices!</p> <p>What a devastating, hurtful, humiliating, unhealthy, and dangerous or even deadly situation for people who one were wage earners within our state and continue to pay taxes!</p> <p>Please...don't let our seniors face the dilemma of not obtaining and taking their prescription medications appropriately and consistently. Where once these people more than likely added to the overall quality of life in Wisconsin, it is time to help ADD TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE for them.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/25/2018	<p>Destitution caused by Republican attacks on Medicare and Social Security, will in this set of generations facing aging, lead to suicides. This population will commit suicide rather than put a burden on their children's lives. I'm sure the Repubs will spin this to show that fewer people will negate the need to improve the environment and renewable energy. What an ashamed mean spirited bunch.!</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/25/2018	<p>This program has been a life saver for the seniors I advocate for. Please continue this program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/25/2018	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>Please continue to provide SeniorCare for us over 65 to help us with prescription drug costs!</p> <p>I cannot emphasize enough the fact that without this service, I would have had to go without my Lialda medication because I could not afford its cost under normal circumstances!!! Medicare part D is still too expensive of a deductible for me to pay. (I have tried the generic version and it causes awful side affects.) I am 71 and still need to (luckily, want to and am able to) work! This is the only way I remain independent, even though I draw social security. This service/drug prescription provides me the ability to work because my body can cooperate and I'm not sitting home managing my IBS condition. I feel I can (and want to) continue to be a viable/positive member of society. SeniorCare benefits give me that chance.</p> <p>Please continue SeniorCare for another 10 years, or more, so I can still be a healthy, useful, contributing member of Wisconsin's society.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/25/2018	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Please extend the SeniorCare waiver for another 10 years! Or let me know what other action I can take to advocate for this great program.</p> <p>Best Regards</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/25/2018	<p>Hello, we would like to voice our support for the continuation of SeniorCare in Wisconsin. We need it as we do not have prescription PART D insurance and it is vital to keep the program intact.</p> <p>Appreciate all of your efforts to keep this valuable program intact.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/26/2018	<p>We have been fortunate to have had SeniorCare for three years now and it has worked out well for us. We don't need much in the way of prescriptions so paying a high monthly premium makes no sense for us. Please extend this program. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/26/2018	<p>I just wanted to comment about SeniorCare. My parents were on a lot of medications that they would not have been able to afford without SeniorCare. My mom took care of the paperwork and she told me how much she appreciated how easy it was to apply every year, and how simple it was to deal with the co-pays and to always know what to expect on all those trips to the pharmacy. When you are in your 80's and not in great health, you really appreciate anything that gives you fewer problems and less stress.</p> <p>And, now it's my turn. When I signed up for Medicare I looked at the various drug programs and the cheapest one was \$17 a month, and the co-pays and deductibles varied according to a bunch of small print that didn't make much sense, except I just think they "varied." I signed up with SeniorCare even though I only take one prescription and it's cheaper to pay out of pocket, but that could always change. It WAS simple to apply, very straightforward.</p> <p>I am grateful to have access to SeniorCare.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/27/2018	Since I am a senior on this program it has helped immensely with my required prescriptions !	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/27/2018	Extend	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/27/2018	Please extend the waiver up to 10 years.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/24/2018	As a widow and retiree, SeniorCare has helped me to keep my health care costs down. Our increase this year again went to part A. I have not seen even a \$5.00 increase in years. Food, gas, medical premiums, etc. have certainly increased. Please extend SeniorCare for another 10 years. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/27/2018	Please continue SeniorCare. I have had SeniorCare for the last 10 years and it has saved me so much money. I am on a limited income and without SeniorCare, I do not know what I would do. Please extend it for me and others like me who need this coverage.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/28/2018	I am writing to let you know the importance of SeniorCare for my prescription drugs. I have used it since I signed up for Medicare and have been grateful for the savings it offers me. It is simple, easy, convient and cost effective. If the program would be canceled, my prescription cost would go up greatly. Please try and keep the program in place because being on a fixed income is not easy to manage. Thanks for listening.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/28/2018	Continue Elder care funding Seniors have worked with family, friends, helping others, and being good Americans. Please don't let them down. They deserve what worked so hard to achieve		X		Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/28/2018	<p>My Rx drug costs have been lower with SeniorCare for a couple of years now. It was easy to enroll and the low cost for the program is a pleasant surprise.</p> <p>State help to negotiate better prices for our prescriptions is important to thousands of voters; please do keep the program helping seniors.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/28/2018	<p>We strongly support the extension of this program. It has been a godsend for the less fortunate of our Wisconsin elderly.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>Please extend SeniorCare Wisconsin through 2028. Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>I think the SeniorCare program is a wonderful program! I use it and I have several family, friends & neighbors that are enrolled in the program and without it would have a financially difficult time getting medication we need. It is a very worthwhile program & it would be devastating to many seniors if it is not renewed. For some having to decide to get medicine or food. Please know I wholeheartedly support this program!!!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>Please keep the SeniorCare program running as so many senior citizens rely on this program. This is one of the most cost effective programs I have encountered when I was taking care of my elderly parents, and now I am entering this age gender and would very much so like to see it continue.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/29/2018	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I'm writing this letter to ask you to please help get the 10 year extension for SeniorCare. It's a very important part of people over 65's continuing to live their lives past retirement.</p> <p>We've worked all of our adult lives to get to the point where we can experience the fruits of our labor without worrying if we can go to a doctor or not. Since the majority of companies don't extend healthcare to retirees, it's up to us to make sure we're able to take care of ourselves and not have to forego medical care that's most likely very important to sustain our lives beyond the workforce.</p> <p>I hope that you can see it in your heart to please help to extend the SeniorCare for another 10 years.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>I went on SeniorCare a few years ago as my coverage through the State of Wisconsin expired and it wasn't open enrollment time. I am all for the SeniorCare Program to be renewed and for 10 years would be great. I depend on SeniorCare for my 5 everyday prescriptions. Even though I have to pay for each prescription (at SeniorCare Rates) it is affordable. I have a \$500 deductible and haven't reached that in the couple of years that I have had it, but it is there and affordable in case something drastic would happen. As you know medical costs can break a person, especially prescriptions. Thank you for listening.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/29/2018	<p>This is a good program. Please extend your benefits to include (1) Wisconsin citizens of all ages and (2) health supplements and (3) treatments with all natural healing professionals.</p> <p>Before Big Pharma monopolized our country in the 1920s, many different health practitioners were appreciated for their excellent skills. Rothschild and Rockefeller orchestrated all this damage called Big Pharma. MD is a term created/imposed by Big Pharma and used to demonize all practitioners who did not tag on MD to their name.</p> <p>People had a freedom to chose how they wanted to heal their bodies then. Please restore all medical freedoms.</p> <p>These "alternative" professionals also studied for years at many distinguished medical arts healing schools. These schools were maliciously run out of business by Rothschild and Rockefeller. "Alternative" healthcare practitioners worked/studied hard to receive their own professional credentials/titles/certificates.</p> <p>All MD types of health care are completely out of the price range of most Americans.</p> <p>Senior Care has proved to be an excellent start at creating a stellar healthcare system for Wisconsin. I applaud their great work and encourage them to take this to the next step AND BEYOND (to quote Star Trek).</p> <p>Sincerely, Senior Citizen</p>		X		<p>Thanked the member for their comment and referred the member the ADRC in their area for additional help.</p>

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5/29/2018	<p>In regards to SeniorCare,</p> <p>It would be a sad day if this program were discontinued. There are numerous seniors that rely on this program to keep their drug costs under control. You will be harming more seniors if this is discontinued and that is a unfortunate demographic that often cannot go back to work to pay for more bills. What would be wonderful if it would open up to anyone on Medicare not just over 65. Thanks you for listening.</p> <p>Gently Guiding Individuals and Families to the Best Opportunities to Minimize Risk</p> <p>"See the light in others, and treat them as if that is all you see" ~Wayne Dyer</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>I would be in real trouble if I did not have access to SeniorCare. Due to a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease I had hit the donut hole by May of 2017. The cost of the meds was huge, \$700 for one of my meds for 30 days Supply. I didn't know what I would do and the county Senior advisor help me to sign up for SeniorCare. This program is life-changing for me and enables me to live independently longer.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/29/2018	<p>Attn: Tiffany Reilly</p> <p>My wife and I have been in the SeniorCare program for many years. Due to each of us having many ongoing health issues, we are grateful for the Prescription Drug Assistance Program. It has been a financial benefit that we really depend on, and would be adversely affected without it.</p> <p>We are submitting this comment with regard to the 10 Year SeniorCare Waiver Extension Request, which came to our attention via an email received today from dhsseniorcare@input.htm. We definitely want to see the Waiver Renewal Submission approved.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Paul and Rosalie Langenkamp</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am an Independent Insurance Agent located at Binning & Dickens Insurance, 319 W Center St, Whitewater, WI 53190. I have helped many seniors (couldn't count the number) with both SeniorCare and the Medicare Part D options. I have sold insurance in the State of Wisconsin since 1975. I do NOT charge a fee for any Senior who needs help with their Prescription Drug Coverage here in Wisconsin. Many seniors do not have computers and those that do are easily confused by the enrollment process. For those seniors that qualify, SeniorCare is an important option (for many their only option) for their Prescription Drug plan. By failing to pass the Waiver Renewal, many seniors will lose the ability to afford their prescriptions and their health will be compromised.</p> <p>From my corner of the State, SeniorCare works very well for Seniors and it would be a big mistake to allow it to go away.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/29/2018	This program has allowed me to live with dignity and not request food stamps or boxes of food. I hope you will decide to continue it for the benefit of all of us seniors who do not have a large income. I live totally on Social Security and it's getting more difficult as inflation increases and medical costs also increase. Thank you for your consideration to continue this program.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	I am enrolled in SeniorCare and have been for many years. It is a great alternative to Medicare Plan D. It saves me over \$35.00 a month and that goes a long way to help pay my other bills. Please continue to offer this valuable plan. Thank You	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	SeniorCare has been a blessing for so many seniors. Both my father and mother-in-law have benefited from this program. I too have been enrolled in SeniorCare for a year now, keeping it so simple and affordable. Please continue this program.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	Greetings, as a licensed Wisc health insurance agent, I would love to sell a Part D plan to Wisconsin Residents as that is how I make a living. However, in good conscious I always suggest they consider the Wisc Sr Care Program for Part D. \$30/yr premium vs average \$30/MONTH premiums is a big difference for many fixed income people. Especially if the client takes no drugs or very low cost generics. Wisconsin is to be commended for taking care of their seniors on Medicare and helping with drug coverage. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	SeniorCare is a wonderful program for WI residents. It decreases the cost for patients and helps them afford their meds. It appears to be more affordable than any of the Obamacare plans. I hope that WI will be able to keep it for many yrs. Why wreck success?	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/29/2018	<p>I am an 83 year old with diabetes, kidney failure, heart failure, and other issues. I am currently on over 20 prescriptions and over the counter medications. 4 of these medications would cost over \$1,000 each for a 30 day supply, and several others would cost over \$400 each for a 30 day supply. The last year that I had Part D prescription drug coverage I was in the "donut hole" by the first week of February. Without SeniorCare I would need to decide which medications I had to discontinue . . . Insulin for my diabetes? . . . Heart medications? . . . Digestive medications? . . Would you care to make this choice?</p> <p>My wife and I live on Social Security and a small retirement income. We could not afford to pay for these medications without the assistance of SeniorCare. Please do not discontinue this program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/29/2018	<p>Hello State of Wisconsin,</p> <p>As an Independent Agent that works mainly with Medicare Beneficiaries, SeniorCare is such a blessing for them. Many of my clients are in need of prescriptions that are too expensive with a normal Part D Plan. SeniorCare gives them a reprieve from figuring out what to buy in a month; prescriptions or some other necessity. Those that use both, SeniorCare and a Part D, do so to help them with costs during the 'donut hole' and with the Part D deductible.</p> <p>SeniorCare affords the single/married members with only a small income to maintain a good Medical Plan and utilize the State Pharmaceutical Plan for prescriptions without having to pay a much higher premium monthly from a Part D and higher costs for the brand name and 3 or 4 tier generic prescriptions.</p> <p>Keep up the good work !</p> <p>Independent Health Insurance Agent</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My wife Nancy and myself (66 & 69) have found the SeniorCare Program to be very worthwhile and beneficial to us. We therefore would very much like to see it extended for another ten years. Thanks for your time.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/29/2018	<p>I would like to see the Wisconsin SeniorCare Program continue. It helps many people who cannot afford the high cost of prescriptions.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/29/2018	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>Please continue the SeniorCare program. It is definitely a good thing for those of us who are living on our Social Security Income and small retirement investments. When my husband died, I lost his SS income. With the very small increase we received I gained \$4.00 because the Medicare cost went up. Also my health care supplement increased by \$20 – how can an older person survive on these “going in the hole” increases? Does not make much sense to me.</p> <p>At my age I am looking for a part-time position to supplement, but because of the income limits for one person it is almost impossible to earn much because then I pay more for medicines.</p> <p>Quite depressing when I figure all the ups and downs of this whole thing. And now I’ve been told that my Senior Care Gold with Dean Health is also going away at the present cost – it probably will almost double for 2019...that is really depressing. Sometimes I feel like our representatives are not looking out for the senior population but trying to put them in the poor house without any options.</p> <p>Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on SeniorCare. It has saved me so much money for my medicines.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.

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5/29/2018	<p>I will be turning 70 in August. I am not on any prescription drugs. Since I do not take any drugs, I enrolled in SeniorCare when I enrolled in Medicare 4 years ago. I work hard to maintain my health, involving myself in exercise classes and a fitness center five days a week, and walking 5 miles a day seven days a week. I am careful to maintain a healthy diet as well. I would like to see SeniorCare extended so that I can continue to have creditable drug coverage at an affordable price. I feel the SeniorCare program goes a long way in rewarding those like myself who take care of themselves. In the same token, we are not requesting any financial help from the program to pay for drugs. \$20 a month is a steep price to pay for drug insurance if I am already working hard to maintain a healthy lifestyle so that I don't have the need to use prescription drugs.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>I am writing to express my support for the 10 year waiver for SeniorCare.</p> <p>SeniorCare is a cost effective program serving the most critically needy part of our senior population.</p> <p>Our state has almost 1/3 of all seniors who get by on Social Security alone, so every penny counts.</p> <p>This program helps this community manage to afford their medical prescriptions without sacrificing other critical needs such as food or heating.</p> <p>Please do everything you can to get this 10 year waiver approved and so provide some long term stability for needy seniors</p> <p>Thank You David Matthews</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/30/2018	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>I wanted to send my thoughts regarding Wisconsin's SeniorCare Program. Having worked in the public assistance world for more than 30 years, I can say the SeniorCare program is an excellent program for our citizens that are 65 and older. The program is understandable, relatively easy to apply for, and most importantly, makes sense to our senior citizens.</p> <p>Before my mother's passing in 2014, she was a SeniorCare recipient. My mother had very few assets and an income which was about \$900/month. The SeniorCare program allowed my mom to get her needed medications at an affordable cost.</p> <p>I pray all of our elected officials will agree this program needs to continue for our Wisconsin seniors.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of my comments.</p> <p>Jeannie Blumer Former Economic Support Supervisor, Green County Human Services</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>I am writing this to request that the SeniorCare program is extended. This program is needed for all of the seniors whose income is in or below the poverty level. Without it, I would end up paying about \$150 per month for my prescriptions, money I can use for other needed items. As seniors, we do not have a way to increase our incomes. I have worked all my adult life and have never been on Medicaid.</p> <p>Please continue this valuable program. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/30/2018	<p>Through participation in various senior activities in our area, we have learned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SeniorCare program helps thousands of Wisconsin seniors with their prescription drug costs. - SeniorCare program not only helps Wisconsin seniors manage their medication budgets, but it is also a nation's most innovative and cost effective state prescription drug savings program for Wisconsin seniors. - SeniorCare program is an extraordinary cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars. - Senior Care program is a win-win program for Wisconsin seniors. - We urge the federal government to extend SeniorCare program to 2028. 	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>SeniorCare has been a big help to me. I have several high priced meds which under regular plan D plans means I probably would hit donut holes. Being on a fixed income and any raises going to Medicare it can be hard to make ends meet. I also have over the counter meds that add up. I hope this passes again. I like that the state has our back. Thank you. Judy Weide</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>Please consider continuing SeniorCare for the elderly. Both of my parents have been helped by SeniorCare since its introduction. Now not only are they on a fixed income, they resided in a Nursing Home. Discontinuing [sic] this beneficial program for help with medication would affect thousands of elderly people who otherwise might not be able to obtain their medication.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/30/2018	<p>I am writing in support of extending the SeniorCare Waiver for 10 more years. I work with the older populations with AARP Taxaide and have witnessed the positive impact of this program. This prescription drug plan has allowed seniors to live better healthier lives. With the low income of so many of our elderly, this program allows them to remain a vital part of our communities.</p> <p>Please continue this program for those over 65. I would add that I wish this program could be made available to more age groups. It is a very excellent program, one I have proposed be adapted on a national scale.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>By any measure, SeniorCare is a win-win program for Wisconsin and its participants. The costs of the program are largely managed by the state's ability to negotiate discounts and pricing. Enrollees pay an annual \$30 fee and deductibles are based on their average income. After the deductible, SeniorCare has a co-pay of \$5 for generic drugs and \$15 for name-brand drugs.</p> <p>Many older Wisconsinites on fixed incomes are struggling to make ends meet each month with rising costs of living and soaring costs of medications. With SeniorCare, Wisconsin has set the bar high for not only creating a very accessible and affordable program for seniors, but one that is an extraordinarily cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>James & Darlene Jakusz</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/30/2018	<p>How Valuable is SeniorCare? Well it is this simple. Before I even fill any prescription just by being a member of SeniorCare I save \$418.80. That's what the yearly cost is plus my fee for \$30 for SeniorCare is with my wife's medication plan not counting the co-pay and annual other fees.</p> <p>If that's what it saves for me, and I use very hardly any meds, then the simple matter is \$418.80 helps me with afford a lot of other things that Seniors face.</p> <p>Do I support the extension of SeniorCare YOU BET!! I look forward to hearing that the extension has been approved.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>Please extend the SeniorCare extention [sic] thru 2028. This is so important to us who are income challenged. Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>As the child of two elderly parents, I would like to tell you how important having SeniorCare was to them. Without SC, both fell into the donut hole and were paying a huge out of pocket expense for their medications. My parents were frugal all their lives. They lived within their means and worked hard to care for themselves. SeniorCare with its modest cost allowed them to pay for their medications and continue to live their modest lifestyle. Please keep this program for our seniors.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>Please work to preserve the SeniorCare prescription drug assistance program 10-year renewal. Being on a limited income I would struggle meeting my monthly needs if I didn't have the advantage of being able to be a part of the waiver program under Wisconsin's Medicaid Program. At this point I only have one inexpensive prescription costing between 7 to 10 dollars every 3 months. This has been a huge savings for me and has given me peace of mind. I believe this program is important not only for me but for many Wisconsinites.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>I like this program. Please continue it!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/30/2018	<p>My husband and I have benefited greatly with the SeniorCare program. We are both in our 80s at present and would not be able to afford one vital medicine, and other needed medicines, without the Senior program because of the cost factor. We have checked the cost of our medicine without SeniorCare and it would be prohibitive. I do not know what input we have in the decision making process but the least we can do is show our appreciation for the program and plead for a continuation of this valuable help for those on a limited income.</p> <p>Please keep us updated on progress in the future,</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	Please continue Wisconsin SeniorCare. It is a blessing!	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	<p>Many of the seniors I have assisted via community care givers programs or long term care outreach are <u>dependant</u> [sic] on these sort of programs. As seniors live longer and longer at home they are dependant [sic] on proper medications and ability to afford them. Also, more and more often unpaid (family) caregivers are working and trying to balance the cost of keeping loved one at home- which is savings for Medicaid passed onto seniors at home.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	<p>It really makes sense to provide this assurance for consumers + providers with cutting the beauracracy [sic] in the next 10 years rather than all the red tape in 3 + 6 years when we know what we all want to do anyway. Not seeing any rationale right now for the program to go away in the foreseeable future.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	<p>Please continue SeniorCare. I have used it as a placeholder the past 10 years. Because of SeniorCare I have saved over \$5000.00 dollars in premiums for medications. I'm fortunate that my meds are only \$150.00 a year. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/31/2018	<p>My name is D K. The Senior Care Program has been a blessing for me. I have severe COPD. Without this program I could not afford the insurance premium or the cost of the life saving medications I need to take on a daily basis.</p> <p>Please extend this wonderful program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	<p>My name is E. A. I am a HUD Service Coordinator. I work at a Section 8, Independent Living Senior apartment in Milwaukee, WI. SeniorCare has helped many of our low income seniors. Without it, our seniors would have to pay a premium and more money for their prescriptions. Sometimes a senior chooses to go without their medicine because they have other bills to pay or want to eat. Doing so can cause health problems and eventually they end up in the hospital. That causes an unnecessary expense to the senior, as well. For this reason and many others, I hope you will consider continuing the provision of SeniorCare for 10 more years.</p> <p>Sincerely, Service Coordinator</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/31/2018	<p>Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services</p> <p>I read an editorial regarding SeniorCare in the May 20th issue of the LaCrosse Tribune.</p> <p>SeniorCare is an important service and as stated in the editorial "a credible alternative" to Medicare Part D. It goes without saying that the cost of health care and insurance is more than middle class families can afford. SeniorCare fills that gap at a very affordable price.</p> <p>It would be my hope that the request from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the extension of the waiver for a 10 year period be granted. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.</p> <p>Yours Truly,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	PLEASE extend the SeniorCare program. Like many others who are on Social Security, I depend on this program and am very thankful for it. Without it we would not be taking necessary medications because we could not afford them. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	Dear Medical Services, Please continue to provide SeniorCare for the elderly. Thanks. George Madl	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/31/2018	<p>Good afternoon.</p> <p>I am writing to express my desire for the Senior Care program to be extended permanently. Even though Oneida and Vilas Counties are viewed as very wealthy areas for retirees, the fact is that the majority of our seniors simply do not have the resources to pay large costs for their services.</p> <p>The state and the federal government needs to be doing more to HELP our senior population rather than trying to hurt them. Senior Care is very vital to everyone and should be implemented permanently.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	See letter attached	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	I would like SeniorCare to continue and agree with the waiver proposal.	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	<p>I am a 68 year old retiree that lives in Pewaukee Wisconsin. Please extend SeniorCare for Wisconsin. It benefits our state for seniors to be able to afford medications that allow them to continue to live independently and it reduces other medical costs because without needed medications seniors would become much sicker. Given the high cost of prescription drugs this is a necessity. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>I am writing to give my support and appreciation for the Senior Care program. It has been a godsend to my 90 year old mother. She has a limited income of Social Security and struggles to meet her basic needs without additional help. Thank you so much for requesting a continuation of the program. I know there are so many people that benefit from it.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/1/2018	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>With the rising cost of medications SeniorCare has been a lifeline for numerous patients in our practice to be able to afford medications that have improved their quality of life. SeniorCare has an established fiscally sound foundation serving the people who need it the most in our state and has been an important secondary insurance in most instances that I have seen. SeniorCare has had it's largest impact in my practice helping people once they reach the Medicare coverage gap or when they have been prescribed cancer or biologic medications in which the prices have become unaffordable for most. I would be happy to provide more specific examples of instances where we have helped patients get access to cancer or biologic medications that would have otherwise went without or been unable to pay for their medications. I believe SeniorCare is a critical aspect to Wisconsin's health care system and a very valuable component of our drug availability for those who need it the most. Please let me know if there is anything else you need from myself, as a pharmacist I have helped numerous patients enroll in SeniorCare and truly believe it has made an impact in their lives.</p> <p>Thanks, Pharm D</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/1/2018	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am a community pharmacist practicing in New London Wisconsin. I have seen extraordinary benefits for my patients who participate in the SeniorCare program. Especially those patients with diabetes and COPD. Many of these patients would never be able to come close to affording their medications without this program (even with Medicare part D drug plans). Without this program these people would likely go without medications for these diseases which would increase hospitalizations dramatically.</p> <p>In our WPQC certified pharmacy we strive to help improve outcomes for our patients while reducing drug spend for the beneficiary as well as their various insurance plans. The provisions in the SeniorCare program dramatically help us to continue to do these services and improve the quality of life for these patients.</p> <p>Please consider renewing the Wisconsin SeniorCare program.</p> <p>-Pharm D</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/1/2018	<p>I support the renewal of Senior Care for the next ten years!</p> <p>This is a great program helping Seniors meet their prescription drug needs without a doughnut hole....coverage gap....pharmaceutical companies have strong lobbying interests & unfortunately influence our elected officials to the point of not supporting this program. Their numbers speak for themselves.....income....drug needs.....most of these people would not be able to afford their medications without this program staying in place.....50,000 thousand strong sends a message loud & clear as to the actual need & usage of Senior Care!!!!</p> <p>Thank You.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/1/2018	<p>Keep SeniorCare: My mother and her sister were both on SeniorCare. They each were widowed for several years. They both have since passed. The difference for them was the fact that they were able to live out their lives in a dignified way. Each had a very modest, low income, single family home, and were able to pay real estate taxes. And, assisted with some state government programs, they were able to contribute to their communities. The U.S.A. gives billions of aid to foreign countries, and some hate us. Some of that money needs to be spent in the U.S.A. to help U.S. citizens!!!</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/2/2018	<p>Hello, The extension of the waiver that allows Wisconsin to provide the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program is very important to me. The Program is an essential component of my health care plan. Please do everything you can to assure its continuation. Thank you, Lon McCloskey</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/2/2018	I am on very few drugs and the SeniorCare program is very helpful to me because I am on a limited budget and I cannot afford the medicare program for drugs. With SeniorCare I can make use of the program. So I think you should keep the SeniorCare program. Thanks so much.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/2/2018	<p>Please continue to support the SeniorCare program in Wisconsin. In this time of change in health care costs and providers, this program is essential in so many ways. In my case, I am fortunate not to need medications and I am blessed to be able to enroll in SeniorCare in the event that I would need them unexpectedly.</p> <p>This is a protective plan that offers Seniors so much. Thank you for your compassion.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/3/2018	SeniorCare is the only way I can afford the drugs that I take.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/3/2018	<p>Please extend the SeniorCare program through 2028. Too many seniors are at low income levels while medications are becoming more unaffordable. Seniors are among the most vulnerable populations and deserve our assistance and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/3/2018	<p>To DSS:</p> <p>I am writing to support the ongoing extension of SeniorCare. I'm currently retired, but prior to that I served as McFarland Senior Outreach Department Director for over 17 years. In working with seniors, I realized the value SeniorCare brings to so many seniors.</p> <p>Wisconsin's SeniorCare is the only program of its kind in the United States which offers enrollees an alternative to Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. SeniorCare requires only a one page application, a very small annual membership fee, and is available to anyone over the age of 65 whose income is below 200% of the federal poverty level. It does not have an asset test, co-payments are minimal, and a person can enroll year-round.</p> <p>In comparison, enrollment in Medicare Part D is open only one time a year. Typically, it takes individuals about 1.5 hours and access to the Internet to decide which one of over 40 insurance options might best fit their particular prescription drug needs based on their current medication requirements at the time of enrollment. Most seniors need professional assistance to complete the application.</p> <p>SeniorCare is a unique partnership between Wisconsin, the federal government and pharmaceutical companies. Unlike Medicare, SeniorCare negotiates lower drug prices, saving millions of dollars. Over 60,000 senior participate in the SeniorCare waiver program.</p> <p>In 2011, numerous "Save SeniorCare" petitions were circulated in Wisconsin collecting over 14,000 signature. Legislators heard from their constituents about the value of SeniorCare for their health and safety. I remember that an 85 year old senior I knew went door to door to get signatures because she was so concerned that the program would be cancelled and she would no longer have SeniorCare.</p> <p>Please register me in support of continuing SeniorCare.</p> <p>Thank you for listening.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/3/2018	I do not have enough income to afford the medications I am taking at this time for heart disease and breast cancer. This help keeps me healthy and out of a hospital. I would be willing to comment further on this issue of renewal of the Wisconsin SeniorCare Program. Thank You,		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/3/2018	Please don't let the SeniorCare Program close! I don't know what my husband & I would do without this very important program. Thankyou,	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/3/2018	To Whom it may concern: I would like to strongly encourage an extension of the SeniorCare program. I believe it is vital to continue to assist those 65 and over with meeting the high cost of prescriptions and medicines vital to ensuring a healthy life. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/3/2018	to let you know how much this program means to us. My husband has COPD,without it we could not afford the inhalers he has to use. WE have a co pay of 500 dollars.One inhaler is over 350.00 for 30 day supply. Now you know what I am mean in needing this program. He has worked at his business in feed mills for 57 years. Retired and now 78 years old. I do see a need for the shingles shot that they tell me is not covered by Senior Care. Very expensive,why is this not covered?	X			Thanked the member for their comments and informed the member that immunizations would require a statute change. Referred to the ADRC in their area for additional information.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/4/2018	<p>Dear Tiffany,</p> <p>I am in favor of extending SeniorCare for 10 years. SeniorCare is an important part of my ongoing healthcare, as I only receive Social Security.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to comment.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>SeniorCare is vital to this state. Without it, my mother cannot afford her medication.</p> <p>Please continue to fund this program. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>This is to report to you that my husband (82) and myself (78) have been blessed w/ being on Senior Care for the past several years. We are sooo thankful for the benefits it provides for us...We highly recommend it to others who qualify!</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am hopeful that the SeniorCare Program will stay in effect. My 90 year old mom lives independently in her own home (since 1954) and has social security as her income. She counts on this program to help with remaining independent as she needs prescription medications, which would otherwise be too expensive.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/5/2018	<p>Since its implementation, SeniorCare has provided a needed safety net for people to be able to afford their medications. Prior to this program, many were faced with making crucial decisions regarding their health and well-being due to the cost of needed medications and affordability. The SeniorCare program provides the necessary avenue for those low-income people to obtain their medications. I would like to see some type of asset test applied for eligibility, but realize that this is administratively cost-prohibitive, and the likely small percentage of people using SeniorCare that have assets, over say \$10,000, makes this unnecessary.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/5/2018	<p>To whom it concerns: Please continue this very good program. Both my parents have used this program since it started. Their ages are 96y and 98y Living at home.They can get their medications at \$5 and maintenance meds get a 90 day supply. Plus membership is \$ 30 year fee.</p> <p>This has been a great help for them financially. This is affordable for them with their fixed income. Thank you State of WI!</p> <p>I myself Hav[e] been using the program since age of 68, my late husband used it also. Although we Had large spend downs it worked for him since he was on a drug that cost \$1000 a weekly injection. We had some savings to pay the first month spendown [sic]of \$3400 then able to get rest year for \$15 month that was so helpful. He would not been able to take needed injection at that monthly full cost! Thanks to SeniorCare, we survived the financial burden.</p> <p>I urge the state of WI to continue and extend the SeniorCare program for seniors.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to us seniors of WI..... Sincerely; Patricia Eisentraut and parents</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/5/2018	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I'm writing to urge that Wisconsin's wonderful SeniorCare program be retained and fully funded by whatever means necessary. This easy-to-use program has been a godsend for many of our citizens over the years and will continue to do so in future.</p> <p>I am a decade or so away from being able to utilize SeniorCare, but both of my parents were enrolled every year. They have been gone for many years now, but I remember so clearly how much this program meant to our family that I had to write and say so. My parents benefited so much for the low annual fee and deductibles, and the access to low cost prescription drugs. Having been tax-paying citizens all their lives, they were finally able to actually utilize a state program. From my work at a public library, I have encountered many seniors who can benefit from this plan and would encourage the state to increase its PR program, so more of them are aware of it.</p> <p>SeniorCare is a model for our country of how to provide a genuine service to citizens who have, perhaps, never used a governmental support program before. Let's remember our seniors--current and future--and extend this program into the future.</p> <p>Thank you Jill Giencki</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/5/2018	<p>SeniorCare is a critical program for so many adults and it needs to be in place for years to come. I support the 10 year extension of the waiver. Without this program many older adults would not be able to afford their prescription medications, and they would not be able to afford other daily needs such as shelter, food, heat, and clothing if spending limited income on prescription drugs. Ultimately the cost to the State would be greater as a greater number of individuals become sicker. They would need to seek other options as such as MA, utilize more medical resources, and possibly lose housing, etc. Please extend the waiver indefinitely. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Please approve the Waiver Extension Request for the 10-year renewal of section 1115 demonstration project for the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program to continue the program through December 31, 2028.</p> <p>This is an IMPORTANT benefit for seniors that cannot be stopped.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	<p>The SeniorCare program is so important to the many low income over 65 Wisconsin residents. For many it is the difference between being able to have their needed drugs and still have food and heat. It saves money by keeping residents in better health, preventing more hospitalizations and expensive treatments. The loss of the program would be a serious blow to hundreds of people.</p> <p>Please renew this program for 10 years when it expires at the end of 2018.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Janet Kleinschmidt</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

2018 SeniorCare Waiver Public Comments:

Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/6/2018	<p>Dear DHS, I am Betty J. Meyer from Plainfield, WI. I am 92 years old. Wisconsin's SeniorCare has made it possible for me to purchase my prescriptions at the reduced rate of \$5.00 per prescription in the past years. SeniorCare has made it possible for me to receive the prescriptions that I need. Without the help from SeniorCare I would not be able to afford to pay for them.</p> <p>I am requesting that the federal government continues to give the waiver to the great state of Wisconsin to continue this program for the elderly who desperately need this program. Wisconsin cares about their elderly and this is one way that they show it. We are very fortunate that the great state of Wisconsin provides us with this much needed service. Thank you for your time.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	Support SeniorCare	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>SeniorCare is a wonderful program for the seniors of Wisconsin. In my case, suddenly finding myself in the low income category, it is a godsend. After paying premiums for Medicare and a supplement there is no money left to pay another monthly premium for a prescription plan. Fortunately I don't need a lot of prescriptions but it is comforting to know that SeniorCare is available for low income Seniors. Wisconsin should be very proud to make SeniorCare available for it's residents.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>Hello: Please extend the SeniorCare program. It is an important and valuable program for many Wisconsin citizens.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/6/2018	I think u should fund SeniorCare civil service Corpse? Could help seniors, handicapped,and veterans stay in their own homes.Could be like AmeriCorps and pay able bodied retirees to help neighbors with rides to Dr appointment s , shopping and errands.And senior home care concierge,and yardwork, like I do now. I'm caring for my elderly mother with cancer and macular degeneration and helping sister with Ms!		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>I am writing in support of the renewal for SeniorCare in Wisconsin. My mother in-law has saved money on her monthly prescriptions with this program. She is living in Assisted Living and is paying for the rent on her own. The financial savings with SeniorCare helps her to continue to afford her apartment.</p> <p>I hope that the coverage will be renewed as this program benefits my mother-in-law along with countless other seniors in Wisconsin.</p> <p>Sincerely [sic],</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>It is essential that SeniorCare Program be continued for the elderly population. Without this program many elderly citizens will be forced, on a daily basis, to make a choice between buying their required medication and having a meal. We support the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) request for a 10-year renewal of its section 1115 for the continuation of the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program.</p> <p>President/CEO Health International Network System</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>This email is to express my full support for the SeniorCare program. Many of my family have benefited from SeniorCare because of its affordability and good drug coverage. When the time comes I hope to get SeniorCare. It's one of the best programs Wisconsin has ever initiated.</p> <p>Respectfully</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/6/2018	<p>WDHS:</p> <p>Clearly prescription drug costs are not attainable for low income seniors as well as the low income general public. How drug costs escalated to unfathomable prices is not clearly understood and eliminates a large portion of low middle income people. Surely SeniorCare is critical to maintain.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>I am writing this at the request of my 89 year old mother who is enrolled in the SeniorCare program. We are very grateful for this program as my mother only receives her monthly Social Security check to live on. This program has proven to be beneficial both in the coverage and the cost for her prescriptions. Please extend this program for the next 10 year period for all those seniors that are in need and for those baby boomers that are and have retired. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>This ins is such a savings to me and many,many other Seniors that I am acquainted with. I would not be able to afford all my medications if I had to pay a large monthly premium + a co-pay as is the case with regular Part D Plans. I am a widow and have barely enough to keep my home. I have to keep my Medical expenses to a minimum as do many other Seniors, especially us who are single. There is no second income for us unless we want to drain every cent of our savings.</p> <p>I know the Federal government does not understand this and I'd be happy to explain it to them if they'd contact me. This is a major item for the Seniors of Wisconsin. I thank Gov. Walker for reversing his attitude towards SeniorCare and realizing what a benefit it is for us Seniors.</p> <p>Thank You</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/7/2018	I am writing in support of continuing this program for SeniorCare in support of its continuation. I am 76, worked until age 69 and receive SS benefits monthly of \$890. As I am divorced. I have a modest retirement that gives me about \$7,000 a year. I am in fairly good health, in my paid for older home, but I am diabetic and on a number of meds including insulin. I am unable to work at my age and a discontinuation of this program would place a huge hardship on me. Please consider the needs of the elderly in your decisions. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	See letter attached	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	Appreciate the program, has had it for many years all he can afford but it covers what he needs.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	I do need SeniorCare, because I'm a diabetic and I need my insulin- also I'm on a fixed income. I'm also on other medicine. There are many people in the State of Wisc that also needs SeniorCare. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	Only program I could afford, don't know what I would do without it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	SeniroCare Waiver Extension Request	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/7/2018	<p>ATT. MS. TIFFANY REILLY</p> <p>My wife & I have been enrolled in SeniorCare since 2006. We do not benefit directly from the program, however, we are able to avoid being forced to join Medicare Part D. Our combined prescription costs amount to approx. \$300.00 per year---plus \$60.00 per year for SeniorCare. At an average cost of about \$30.00 /month each, Medicare Part D would cost us \$720.00 per year—plus co-pays. After checking the co-pays for our prescriptions, it would still be more economical to pay cash(as we do now) for our drugs even with having a Part D plan. Not having SeniorCare would cost us over \$700.00 per year out of our Social Security funds.</p> <p>SENIORCARE IS MORE THAN JUST PAYING FOR PRESCRIPTIONS!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>My husband and I are retirees who have SeniorCare. This program is essential because Medicare requires people 65 and over to have “creditable coverage” for drugs. SeniorCare is exactly right for us. I don’t take any prescription drugs and my husband only takes one. SeniorCare is our best deal because although we don’t get any reduction on medications when we need them, we do get the “creditable coverage,” which costs much less than any of the other drug plans. For people who are in tight financial situations, the reduction in drug prices is important. Keep the program! We are very happy with it! It’s a plan that works.</p> <p>Peggy Savides</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Please extend SeniorCare it very important for those of us that need that care. Programs like this are so important to people who need it the most. Cost is less than the huge help this program is to the people of this state. Have a heart!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/8/2018	This program is so important to us.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/8/2018	<p>I am a second-generation user of SeniorCare. My mother needed to take several prescription drugs and was very grateful for the help she received from SeniorCare. She had a limited income, lived into her 90's, and passed away in 2004. Think of the increases in the cost of prescription drugs since 2004! Think of the thousands of Wisconsinites who have benefited from SeniorCare up until the present!</p> <p>I am in a different situation. I am 72 and have been covered by SeniorCare since I was 65. I take no prescription drugs, but I am glad I can sign up for SeniorCare each year for \$30 and avoid paying hundreds of dollars a year for Medicare Part D which I don't need.</p> <p>I give my full support to granting SeniorCare another 10-year waiver.</p> <p>I am sorry that my response is late, but I only learned about your request for consumer input on June 7 through my ADRC newsletter. Thanks you for considering my views even though I was not able to give my input on time.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/9/2018	<p>I just learned that I could comment on SeniorCare and I can say this!</p> <p>I don't know what I would do without it!!</p> <p>I am on 9 prescriptions drugs a day after open heart surgery a year ago and high blood pressure issues too.</p> <p>To pay just \$5 for each prescription makes life so much more manageable financially. Please do not change the program for we seniors.</p> <p>It would be catastrophically negative for all of us!!</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/9/2018	<p>To Whom concerned: SeniorCare is for seniors of low income who do not need many prescriptions. The program is low cost for us low income seniors who must have a drug program. Please continue the program. Thank you, A concerned senior</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
5/22/2018	<p>Please help to fight for SeniorCare. It is an essential part of my Dad's health care. We do not want to become one of the horror stories that people in the government programs have become. This program has been a money saver and a well run program with easy access to it.</p> <p>(My Dad's helper)</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/22/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly,</p> <p>I spent most of my nursing career as a Public Health Nurse, administering several Wisconsin DHS programs in Polk County. In 2002 I started working as a Parish Nurse in Polk County, and enrolled people in SeniorCare. SeniorCare was and is the BEST program Wisconsin ever developed.</p> <p>When Medicare D started, I hoped the federal government would simply enact SeniorCare across the United States. It is a fantastic program for low income people and for those seniors who don't need much prescription coverage. Paying \$30 a year is far better than a monthly insurance premium if you really don't need Part D coverage!</p> <p>SeniorCare might not be good for insurance companies; but it surely is good for Wisconsin seniors. Please do everything you can to keep it.</p> <p>Sincerely, R.N. (retired)</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/23/2018	<p>Wisconsin Department of Health Services</p> <p>Please do whatever you possibly can to help me keep SeniorCare. I feel I cannot manage at all without it. With the high costs of prescriptions, I could not pay my bills. My income is only Social Security and after Medicare & Senior Preferred Supplement I get only \$13, 752 a year. Also, it could come to losing my home. I am 75 yrs old & need 8 prescriptions. Please do not ignore this letter & the letter of so many others. We desperately need your help to keep SeniorCare. Thank you very much for any help you can give me to keep SeniorCare. I don't know how I can get along without SeniorCare.</p> <p>Darlene Redsten</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/30/2018	<p>I believe the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program has helped seniors 65 and over in the state for the past six years. Since the program is cost effective, I believe the program be extended for 10 years. I believe Medicaid seniors have their prescription drugs at affordable prices. I like the idea that benefits differ based on four different income levels.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly,</p> <p>We support the Wisconsin DHS in requesting a 10 year renewal from the federal government for SeniorCare. We have used SeniorCare since it started. It has been very valuable in paying drug costs, which at times have been large while on a fixed income.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>Last year at 78 I fell, broke my leg and had two blood clots. The medication after my deductible was for \$422 for a 3 month supply- and possibly the rest of my life. This is big drug companies on the backs of seniors.</p> <p>Please vote to extend SeniorCare.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.

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6/1/2018	<p>Dear Tiffany, Please keep SeniorCare it helps me afford my prescriptions since my only income is Social Security, otherwise I would have to make some hard choices.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>Attn. Tiffany Reilly; We are two seniors- husband and wife of 65 years, ages 85 and 89 and really depend on the prescription drug program that SeniorCare provides, along with <u>many</u> seniors in our area that also depend on the program. It really helps for all on fixed and limmited [<i>sic</i>] incomes. To many seniors it's essential that it needs to be extended and fully support the program.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly:</p> <p>I respectfully request the ten year renewal section 1115 for the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program. This is an important program for our Senior population and knowing it would be continued for ten years provides a good bit of comfort to their daily life and planning.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Suzanne Rooney</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly, I am a user of SeniorCare. It is a very real help in keeping me in my home. It is easy to apply for and the \$30 enrollment fee is reasonable. I hope this program continues as it is a real benefit to the citizens like myself who as we age find ourselves needing more meds.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/1/2018	<p>Tiffany Reily [sic],</p> <p>I respectfully request the 10- year waiver extension for the SeniorCare Drug Assistance Program good through December 31, 2028.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>I am in favor of a 10 year extension for SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance.</p> <p>Prescription drugs reduce the number of doctor visits and hospital stays and therefore save money. They also improve the quality of life for seniors in need.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/1/2018	<p>Attn: Tiffany Reilly</p> <p>Monthly, I receive several prescriptions thru SeniorCare. Prior to SeniorCare, my insurance carrier, had me in my 'donut hole' by June 1st every year.</p> <p>What hurt me the most was 'budesonide' my Colitis medication. It cost \$800.00 to \$1,100.00 per month. My cost, thru insurance carrier was \$200-\$275 per month.</p> <p>My insurance carrier claimed, that, there is no federal regulation as to how much the pill distributor can charge anyone!</p> <p>I survive on my social security retirement income, only.</p> <p>Than God and SeniorCare for help. Quite honestly, I don't know what I could do without them.</p> <p>Regards,</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.

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6/4/2018	<p>I think it's a vital part of what Wisconsin can do to show that the ederly [sic] is important to our government. So much of our seniors are in need and sadly neglected. They gave so much of themselves when younger, such as service to this country or simply as hardworking <u>tax-paying</u> people. Please show that thier [sic] lives have meaning and that they are a valuable part to Wisconsin, to us, those who cheer them on- Thank you!</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>I need this SeniorCare. I live on a fixed income, which means I don't make enough money to afford insurance for my prescriptions. I know a lot of people are in my position. I am 73 years old which most of us are getting older and SS goes up a fewer dollars so then our Medicare goes too and with sup. insurance we barley have enough to live on.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly, I am writing about the SeniorCare offered to help seniors with their prescriptions. I'm 75 and I greatly appreciate the offer SeniorCare gives me on my prescriptions. I'm on a fixed income and every little bit helps. I hope they continue to give us this discount. Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>I think it is a great program. My father was on it and without it he would not of been able to get his medicine. I know several people that are on it and really like and depend on it.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>See letter attached.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/4/2018	<p>I have been on SeniorCare since 2005, I have an \$850 deductible I have to meet before it goes into effect. Without this program, I could not afford the prescriptions I take. I am very thankful for the help I get from SeniorCare. Please continue to support this program.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly;</p> <p>My wife and I are on Medicare, and Social Security is our primary revenues source.</p> <p>SeniorCare has made a huge difference for me. I take several prescription medications since a Stroke in 2012; and several surgeries on the last 12 years.</p> <p>We had a Medicare Advantage plan which provided me with some support; but at a significant cost. I sincerely hope that the SeniorCare program will be renewed.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely;</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>The SeniorCare program is a valuable safety net program for those persons who have limited finances to purchase their medications. As a retired Home Care R.N. I can attest to the importance of the elderly being able to be assured they can purchase their medications as prescribed and not be forced to skip doses or alter the schedules prescribed. The data shows how many elderly are in need of this program, and without this assistance, consequences of emergency room visits, hospital admissions, long term care admissions will increase (due to inadequate medication supply or compliance). Please continue SeniorCare as is!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/4/2018	I would like to see SeniorCare continue for a reason that is probably way on the other end of the spectrum.... I am healthy! As a very healthy senior, I do not take any prescription drugs, but am required by law to have a drug plan. SeniorCare is the most reasonable, affordable one for me.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	Without SeniorCare, I wouldn't be able to afford all my medicine. I have a serious heart condition. Thank you for advocating for us. SeniorCare is vital for us.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	Ruth has had SeniorCare for several years but only used it a few times. However, it is the only alternative she has to more expensive part D. We believe it "fills a gap" and should be continued for another 10 years.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	I have used SeniorCare for years. It has really worked good for me. I would be disappointed if it was stopped. It is good for seniors in Wis. It is very well run and I have never had any problems. It is a blessing for Wis.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	I retired from a nursing career in 2004. That was the year I signed up for SeniorCare & have been enrolled since. My retirement income is too high to cover prescription costs, which fortunate good health have remained low. The benefit to me of having equivalent coverage for Medicare D these many years has been the monthly cost savings in private insurance. I am grateful to the people of WI who saw the initial advantage for may seniors & having kept it going all these years. Keep the program going for all seniors to offer cost savings on medicine or Medicare D coverage.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/4/2018	<p>Helping seniors with their tax returns. Helping seniors with legal documents. Helping seniors with rides to Madison Hospitals. Helping seniors with little things like cutting toenails & and any notices that you get, but don't understand. Trips to ball games & scenic places in Wisconsin. Helping those on fixed incomes with budgets.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>I was the guardian for my parents and my father Donald W. Rogers qualified for the SeniorCare program with only social security and a small pension for income. The program was a very big help, with his medications. I don't qualify for SeniorCare but for all the people who need assistance it's a wonderful program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>For many years I paid into SeniorCare but when my income level fell below the minimum level I have to only pay \$5.00 for my prescriptions. It has been a great help to me. I would appreciate whatever can be done to keep this program operating for years to come.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Tiffany Reilly:</p> <p>I am writing to state that the SeniorCare program is the best thing that we older people have going for us. Please do whatever you can to keep it going.</p> <p>I take quite a bit of medication which has been prescribed for me for various health problems, and I doubt I'd been able to take them without the SeniorCare program. The cost would have been prohibitive! With my limited budget, I doubt if I'd still be around without the help I received from the program.</p> <p>Please do whatever you can to help us keep SeniorCare continuing for at least another ten years!!!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/5/2018	Dear Sir, Please do not cancel SeniorCare! My monthly s security is \$1,009.00 a month. I have no computer, do not take trips or buy anything I don't need. I take quite a few medications that I have too take. If I don't have SeniorCare I could not buy what I need and would not be able to afford them- so <u>please</u> don't take away what I need- SeniorCare! Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	Tiffany Reilly, I'm an 82 year old with heart problems. 3 yrs ago without SeniorCare. I couldn't afford drugs I need to take. SeniorCare is the greatest out there for Senior Citizens for there [sic] drug[s]. Thank you,	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	Dear Ms. Reilly I just want to let you know how important SeniorCare is. I have CODP, congestive heart, glaucoma [sic]. One of my meds alone is \$319.00 dollars a month plus I also have oxygen. So please <u>Keep SeniorCare</u> for the next 10 years. Thank you!	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	SeniorCare is very good. Should be continued. Seniors need it.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	My husband and I are both on SeniorCare. The rent is so high in Baraboo among other things are life ins, car ins, ins supplements all things you must have leaves little room for medicine & even food for a lot of seniors.		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	I would like to see the SeniorCare program continued. It has been a big help to me (I'm 90) and others I know.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/5/2018	<p>Hi Tiffany Reilly</p> <p>I am writing in concern to SeniorCare Renewal program. I don't know what I would do without the SeniorCare. For sure I could not be able to pay for my medicines. You's over there in Madison keep pushing for the 10 year waiver. Us seniors need it, also many others.</p> <p>Thank you & keep up the good work.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>Wis Department of Health Services</p> <p>I would like to see SeniorCare continued. I am on a fixed income. Will be 88 in July. It helps with the price of prescriptions. I have been a member since 2007. Prescriptions have gone up up so much. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>We need SeniorCare. I am & a lot of other SeniorCare people depend on it. We are on a very limited low income. We can not aford [sic] the price of medication. With SeniorCare we only half [sic] to pay \$5 co-pay, which really helps with the small amount of income we get. Please keep SeniorCare for us.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>I am a senior living on Social Security. I get \$1,130 a month. My rent, Medicare and Dean Care takes almost all my money. I have no money for prescriptions, a hearing aide, etc.</p> <p>Please have mercy on the old ones who are struggling. I am 77 years old and disabled. Thank you.</p> <p>Scott Walker, Governor: Please help the elderly. I worked hard all my life.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>Program will be very helpful in the near future.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.

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6/6/2018	<p>Without SeniorCare and its very affordable premium per year, I would be forced into the poverty category- have no family help. Being 81 living on a very fixed income each month my only source of money I must stick to a very tight budget so SeniorCare is so essential to me!</p> <p>Please fight to keep affordable SeniorCare coverage available to those of us in dire need!</p> <p>Thanks so much for your help and consideration!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>I was on SeniorCare when we started on Medicare and needed to fulfill the Part D requirement. I wasn't on any prescriptions so didn't want to pay for an expensive Part D plan. SeniorCare worked very well for me and helped keep our medical expenses down once we were on a fixed income.</p> <p>I urge you to keep SeniorCare available to Wisconsin residents.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>I'm a senior citizen who at the present time is in very good health. I take one prescription. By having SeniorCare available, I'm saving money by not paying a monthly drug premium. But, I also have the assurance, that if my health condition changes, it won't be a problem for me to get drug coverage.</p> <p>Wisconsin Needs SeniorCare!!</p> <p>P.S. My mother, who will be 100 in September, is also on SeniorCare. She takes "no" prescriptions- SeniorCare is saving her money. Monthly drug premiums would be a burden for her.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>I have been on SeniorCare for a number of years now and am very pleased with the service they provide. I really like the fact they cover all my medications for a lot less than I would have to pay any where else. I really hope you will continue SeniorCare.</p> <p>Sincerley,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/6/2018	It's a good deal for the older folks.		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>SeniorCare is a lifeline for me.</p> <p>Without it, I could never afford the excessively high cost of my meds.</p> <p>I'm 95, live on a fixed income, my S. Security check is 877.00 a month.</p> <p>I worry that having to choose between rent, food or meds., could be in the future for me.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	I think Sr. Care is the best thing ever in the State of Wisconsin. It is the best plan we could find for our medications and has saved us a lot of money after our deductible is paid. Being on Social Security is hard enough for seniors, without having to pay large amounts for medications. We hope that you will continue this program for years to come. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>Currently, I don't have a drug plan as I am not on any medication. So I belong to SeniorCare so at some point if I may need to take meds and will need a drug plan. SeniorCare provides me the necessary coverage to be able to get a drug plan at a later date.</p> <p>This program is a valuable tool and aid to many others in the senior community on limited incomes who do need necessary and life saving meds. Without this coverage, many would have no protection and not able to get meds. They would be vulnerable to worsening conditions in their health and costly care.</p> <p>Please renew this program. Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/6/2018	<p>I am a senior (85 years old) and I want to see Sr. Care continued. I am on Pravastatin 20mg for cholestrol [sic] control and can get a 90 day supply for \$5.00 of the generic prescription drug. This is a real help to me financially. I hope SeniorCare is continued.</p> <p>Sincerely [sic],</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>If I don't have SeniorCare, I would just have to stop taking my medicine, because I wouldn't be able to pay full price for it.</p> <p>My insurance will not cover medications!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>I have had SeniorCare [for] 15 yrs & I am so thankful [for] the prescription coverage. I would not be able to pay for all the meds. I take. 2009 I had open heart surgery so I have to take a lot [of] meds. \$30.00 a year is such a great price I can't imagine if I had the full price to pay. Ten years would be great too. I just turned 80 so I have a few years with a great coverage.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>We need SeniorCare bad. I could not afford to pay what Medicare coverage would cost. All I have for income is Social Security. I have not had a increase in income in 4 yrs. The government does not need to take this away from us.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/6/2018	<p>Dear Sir or Madam:</p> <p>I am writing to you in regard to the waiver to SeniorCare that is being considered. SeniorCare is a blessing to us Senior Citizens who are also fortunate to live in Wisconsin.</p> <p>When I compare the actual cost of my prescription drugs with the amount SeniorCare saves on the cost, it is amazing! Plus I only pay \$5 for any generic drug and \$15 for those not generic, after I meet my deductible. I don't think I'd be able to have any of my income left after 2 months without SeniorCare. I don't know why every one of our 50 states doesn't do away with Medicare Part D and give their citizens a break with their own SeniorCare plan!! The enrollment fee is only \$50 [sic] a Senior, compared to the monthly fee for Part D.</p> <p>I believe if memory serves me correctly we have Gov. Tommy Thompson for coming up with the plan, and fighting for it.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	It provides seniors with a low-cost alternative to prescription drug coverage. Especially those on low-income that cannot afford Medicare Part D premiums. If income changes it gives them a non-penalty method to them sign up for Part D Medicare coverage.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	It gives Seniors an option for low-cost prescription drug availability, especially low-income Seniors that find Medicare Part D unaffordable. It only seems fair to provide them with a NO PENALTY option for signing up in the future should their financial situation change.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>Attn: Tiffany Reilly</p> <p>My husband and I have had SeniorCare for many years.</p> <p>We are low-income seniors on Social Security. We are 78 and 80 years old.</p> <p>We have United Health, Theda Care with prescription drug coverage thru them.</p> <p>My husband has been taking Eloquis for 2 years now, because he has A-Fib. SeniorCare is secondary.</p> <p>Our health care puts my husband into the "donut hole" around the 10th month every year, where they don't cover his prescription drugs until the 1st of Jan., the new year.</p> <p>We are so grateful that our SeniorCare takes over for us and pays for Bill's drugs with just a co-pay for us to pay. It's only 2 mo. that they take over fully, but it means everything to us. Life-Saving....</p> <p>Please, keep this program. It is so valuable to all the low-income Seniors in WI.</p> <p>Thank You,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>I have had SeniorCare since I got off BadgerCare and started Medicare. I need it everyday because I take medications for seizures, eyes, back paint. I have cerebral palsy.</p> <p>If Paul Ryan keeps taking away what I live on social security, Medicare and Medicaid I don't know what I will do!</p> <p>Please help Seniors! Save Us!! Please leave the senior benefits alone we have earned anything we get!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Dear Tiffany</p> <p>I hear that SeniorCare is approved until Dec of 2018.</p> <p>Glenn and I pray that you will continue SeniorCare. It would be a hardship for us without SeniorCare.</p> <p>Please, we hope you consider continuing the program.</p> <p>We want to thank you in advance.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>I really depend on SeniorCare for my medicines. I am on a fixed income and take 2 medications so SeniorCare means a lot to pay for my medicine.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>I have SeniorCare and it is economical and meets my needs. It is a very good program and necessary.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>Attention Sr. Care. Please do not cancel this wonderful program.</p> <p>I'm on a limited income and could not begin to buy my medications at the full price.</p> <p>This Sr. Care is so helpful and important, please don't cancel it. I'm 89 and I desperately need it. Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Dear Tiffany Thank you for fighting to keep SeniorCare going. Please stay fighting for it!</p> <p>I don't know how I would be able to afford my drugs without it. It is a wonderful program for us seniors.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly:</p> <p>I am writing to you to express my support for SeniorCare. My mom is on the SeniorCare program and if she were not I don't know who she could afford her prescription drugs. She has limited income.</p> <p>Please keep the SeniorCare program in Wisconsin!</p> <p>Thank you, Kathy Barr</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>Attn: Tiffany Reilly, I think SeniorCare is the best thing that happened in Wisconsin. The 10 year extension sounds wonderful & hop it happens. It has been terrific these last 7 years for me. Couldn't be better.</p> <p>Just received this info a couple of day's ago. Least we have this last week to answer.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>This is very important to keep, with all the expense we have with my husband. It is very important for me to have SeniorCare. Please keep this in place!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Attn: Tiffany Reilly</p> <p>This is just to let you know you now that SeniorCare is helpful to many older people. I hope it will continue.</p> <p>Sincerely, (a senior)</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Please keep SeniorCare in operation. I would be financially hurting if it wasn't for Sr. Care. With 11 pills a day and 2 injections for insulin.</p> <p>Hope this isn't too late. First knew about this in my June aging newsletter. It should have been in the May letter.</p> <p>Wisc. Seniors need this.</p> <p>Good Luck</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>Attn: Tiffany Reilly</p> <p>I am writing this to let you know, how important the SeniorCare program is to us.</p> <p>My husband and I are in our 80's. We farmed all our lives. Our Social Security income is not very big and seems like everything else goes up. We are on Medicare and a Medicare Advantage Plan, but could not pay for my prescriptions without SeniorCare. Some of my prescriptions have no generic substitute.</p> <p>SeniorCare is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. simple- premium once a year 2. affordable 3. no donut hole 4. efficient- easy for pharmacies 5. they can bargain for medication prices 6. it works <p>Without SeniorCare I couldn't afford my prescriptions. Please save SeniorCare.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>My husband is 88 years old and I am 84. We are on a limited income. We have SeniorCare because of our prescription medication are less per month than what Medicare B would cost us per month. When we enroll in SeniorCare we won't have to pay a penalty should we need to go to Medicare D. Medications are so expensive and most of us need some. All our expense increase every year. We are grateful [sic] that we have SeniorCare. We have always felt fortunate that we live in Wisconsin, many other states don't have SeniorCare- we have always appreciated that WI does have it; and ADRC. ADRC helps us to figure if we need Medicare D.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Keep it going- I've used it for several years.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>Dear Tiffany Reilly, Please don't drop the SeniorCare program- that is pretty much my own savior which helps me with medicine. I am 87 years old- farmed most of my life- raised 8 children & really need the help. My income is \$927.00 a month & a supplement for health ins at \$162.00 a month & live on this. Please consider leaving the SeniorCare as is.</p> <p>Thank you so much</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>I have just enrolled in Wisconsin SeniorCare prescript [sic] program. Is it true that it may not be available [sic] next year. Please keep it going. I had to leave my private supplement w/prescript. [sic] because [sic] of the cost. I am 83 yrs. And like so many my age really [sic] need this program because living costs are always getting more money.</p> <p>Thank you for caring.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>Att. Tiffany Reilly: I am writing to let you know how much SeniorCare for my prescriptions means to me. I would not be able to afford all my prescriptions without SeniorCare's assistance.</p> <p>I have been with them for sometime now and think it is one of the best programs for the "Senior population." I am 87.</p> <p>I had By-Pass Heart Surgery in 1999 and in 2001 was diagnosed with Polycythemia [sic] a blood disease which is being treated with medications.</p> <p>Your help at keeping this program is very my [sic] appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	Please keep SeniorCare. It is very important to me and many of my friends and family.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	I have been a consumer of SeniorCare since it began and it's important to me to have a credit on out prescriptions. I am 89 years old and a renter, so SeniorCare helps me! Thank you	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	We all need SeniorCare- without this it is unlikely we could eat. Drugs are so expensive and we have no extra money. I pray every year they will keep it going for us as it helps with our wellness. Please let us keep our safety net and peace of mind!	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	I would like to [see] SeniorCare continue as it does help me. It helps so much to help me with my drugs, etc. It is getting harder and harder to keep up with medical expenses. So please keep us seniors as a priority. Thank you. It is very important to us and <u>affordable</u> .	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	My name is Evelyn D Sullivan. I have been on SeniorCare for a long time. It is a good program. It would be a great hardship on the elderly if the program ends. Thank you	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	SeniorCare is very important to us seniors living on not much more than Social Security. We've been on SeniorCare for a few years now, and before that I was on Medicare Part "D." SeniorCare is a hundred times better. Please, please <u>do not</u> even consider discontinuing it!! Thank you so much.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	I am 85 years young. I have A-Fib- mini strokes Serious Heart problems as well as lung issues. I am on a lot of expensive medications. Without SeniorCare I would not be able to pay my rent or car insurance or got out for breakfast twice a month for a social life. I want to remain as active as I can. Please- I need SeniorCare.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	I strongly urge the ten year extension on the waiver allowing SeniorCare. SeniorCare saves me paying high price of prescription insurance when I don't need any help.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	I am on a fixed budget so I do depend on SeniorCar[e]. I have a lot of meigon [sic] to take. If we lost SeniorCare I don't know if I could keep up with all my medicine. Thank you Please excuse my spelling	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	We have had SeniorCare since it started. It would be great to get it for ten more years.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	I have been on SeniorCare since February 1, 2007. I turned 65 on January 20, 2007. I have been at level 2B the whole time. I only have had about \$100.00 to \$150.00 in prescriptions over the past 11 years. The \$30.00 per year SeniorCare creditable coverage for Medicare Part D has saved me at least \$3,500.00 if not more for creditable coverage. I think it's a WONDERFUL program. My health insurance does not offer drug coverage.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	Being in the lower income bracket I rely on SeniorCare for my drug coverage. SeniorCare makes my medication affordable. I sincerely hope this program will continue.	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	SeniorCare is the only way that I can afford by prescribed medicines. I have ben diagnosed with Heart Failure and Kidney Failure and my monthly drugs are several hundred dollars. Only my \$500.00 deductible [sic] SeniorCare saves me. I live on Soc. Sec. and a Calif. pension. <u>Please continue SeniorCare.</u>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	I have asthma, which is under control with the medication I am on, but without SeniorCare it would be impossible for me to be able to buy the expensive medication. Please continue to renew with another 10 years waiver. Thank you.	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	Sr.Care has allowed me to live in comfort in my old age (100). Would not be possible without it. It's a godsend!	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>ATT. MS. TIFFANY REILLY</p> <p>My wife & I have been enrolled in SeniorCare since 2006. We do not benefit directly from the program, however, we are able to avoid being forced to join Medicare Part D. Our combined prescription costs amount to approx. \$300.00 per year- plus \$60.00 per year for SeniorCare. At an average cost of about \$30.00/ month each, Medicare Part D would cost us \$720.00 per year- plus co-pays. After checking the co-pays for our prescriptions, it still would be mire economical to pay cash (as we do now) for our drugs even with having a Part D plan. Not having SeniorCare would cost us over \$700.00 per year out of our Social Security funds.</p> <p>SENIORACARE IS MORE THAN JUST PAYING FOR PRESCRIPTIONS!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>What would I do without SeniorCare? I think of this question often. My husband has Alzheimer's [<i>sic</i>]disease and presently is in a nursing home.</p> <p>I only have an income thru Social Security. Without SeniorCare... really what would I do? What would happen to my husband? Dr. Kevorkian has some solutions, but, oh dear.</p> <p>So, thank you "SeniorCare"</p> <p>PS I talk with our sons (3) about the importance of extra money at retirement for health care.</p> <p>Thank you again!!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>I think this program should be extended without changes to eligibility or benefits. With as many people at or below 160% FPL using this program it shows the need for the program to continue. We certainly do not want to become a third world country that does not care about our <u>low income citizens!</u> We can do our part to assure [<i>sic</i>] this from happening by taking care of our low income seniors in our state (Wisconsin). Let us continue to take care of our seniors as they helped our state in their youth by being past workers that paid WI income tax.</p> <p>With the cost of the program being over 60% funded by rebated from drug companies, this is very cost effective.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>SeniorCare Waiver without SeniorCare I could not afford ny presc cost. No income besides S.S.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Date	Comment	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	Resolution
6/7/2018	<p>RE: SeniorCare Waiver Public Comment</p> <p>Unfortunately we just received the monthly updates from the ADRC Clark County a few days ago. We don't have a computer & not good with using them at the library. My husband and I are part of this SeniorCare program and appreciate what it offers us even through our combined incomes brings us into the upper percentile at least my husband reaches his goal & then we see a better discount, only towards the end of the year. We apply for energy assistance & that too puts us close to the maximum allowed for the benefit. However, we are told we make too much money with social security & pension \$305.90 to get any "Extra Help." We, seniors, need every bit of the help that "we" can get. Most of us can't write because of arthritis or hear that if we don't comment & stand up for our rights as Seniors that we don't care. Most of us have hard time standing up physically. That is why it is good to have the ADRC there for us to help us Seniors & the DHS to represent Wisc.</p> <p>Please extend the waiver for 10 years. Seniors keep losing mentally & physically & we need the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to help us still be a part of the statistics of seniors fighting for our well-being.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing me! Sorry this comes late but hope it helps.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>To Tiffany Reilly, I need SeniorCare because my monthly check from Social Security is at poverty level.</p> <p>To pay for my medicine without SeniorCare would be very hard to do.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/7/2018	<p>I hope we can continue with it money wise. Former soldier always needs help. Lots of help needed with all the surging costs.</p> <p>Thank you</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/7/2018	<p>My Social Security is \$606 a month and & pension \$64.59. I rent some land for \$480.</p> <p>This puts me about in the federal poverty level, so the \$30 SeniorCare really helps me. Any insurance plan would be many times that amount. I really need SeniorCare and a lot of others do too.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/13/2018	<p>I have a parent who has been on the SeniorCare program since the beginning. This program is extremely helpful to her and has helped her to maintain her financial stability and receives the medications she needs which is a big help in keeping her in her own home.</p> <p>The SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program should be continued without changes.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/30/2018	<p>SeniorCare is <u>essential</u> for older adults to assist them to maintain [<i>sic</i>] in their lives.</p> <p>I don't know what my family would have done without the 'SeniorCare' benefit!</p> <p>Prescription costs are unbelievable and out of control. Our administration is doing <u>nothing</u> about it.</p> <p><u>Do not</u> take this benefit away from the seniors who depend upon it!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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<p>5/30/2018</p>	<p>I am writing this in support of keeping SeniorCare as an available program to people over the age of 65. My spouse and I did not enroll in a Part D plan because we had no medications. When we started to take medications, we were assessed a penalty of about \$30 per month for each us for life. Therefore, we pay an additional \$60 per month for a part d drug plan. I am also in the donut hole with my part d plan and pay \$180 for Eliquis and \$75 for another prescription. Are [sic] income is limited with a total of about \$26,000 a year in gross income from Social Security.</p> <p>We met with the Aging and Disability Resource Center to apply for SeniorCare. I will be able to disenroll from my part D plan and no longer have a premium and penalty each month. I will also be able to pay \$15 for my Eliquis instead of \$180.</p> <p>Therefore, this program is very valuable to me and my wife. We are now in our 80s and my wife suffered two strokes. Any help we can receive means a lot to us.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Charles Illgen</p>	<p align="center">X</p>			<p>Follow up was not needed.</p>
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5/31/2018	<p>Dear Ms. Reilly;</p> <p>My wife and I are on Medicare, and Social Security is our primary revenues source.</p> <p>SeniorCare has made a huge difference for me. I take several prescription medications since a Stroke in 2012; and several surgeries in the last 12 years.</p> <p>We had a Medicare Advantage plan which provided me with some support; but at a significant cost. I sincerely that the SeniorCare program will be renewed. Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely; William T Sullivan</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
5/31/2018	<p>Wisconsin Dept of Health Services,</p> <p>I am writing to you to let you know that I think the Wis. SeniorCare Rx program is the <u>best</u>. I have been on it since I turned 65 in Nov 2005. Its <u>Great</u>, I have sold Medicare supplements since 1986 and when SeniorCare began in 2002 I had many senior clients enroll in the program as many took very little of non at all in prescriptions and by signing up for Sr. Care at \$30 annual they had creditable coverage and wouldn't get penalized if they ever wanted to sign up for another Rx plan. One client didn't sign up when I suggested he should, few years later he sign up for an Rx plan and was penalized. I sure hope Wisconsin keeps the Sr. Care Rx plan. I am only taking HB pills, cost me about \$3.60 a month & for Sr. Care Rx plan \$30.00 annual premium. Great!!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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5/31/2018	<p>We feel the SeniorCare program is very important for people on limited income. We are borderline poverty level and this program has helped us save \$800-\$1200 a year on drug premiums and medications, even though we are on the 2nd level and do pay \$500 deductible each.</p> <p>Please renew the program.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>I have used SeniorCare in the past and would like to know it is available if I should need it in the future.</p> <p>I have retired friends who depend on SeniorCare for their medications and it would present a hardship if it is not there for them!!</p> <p>Please continue this much needed help in the health care system!</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/4/2018	<p>SeniorCare is important to me because it saves me money on my five prescription medications that I must take daily.</p> <p>With my low income, I sure hope this program will be available for another 10 years, I turn 100 on 6-11-18.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	<p>I'm a low income senior and this would be very beneficial to help with "all" my prescriptions. I take about 20 prescriptions. Please, Please reconsider another 10 yr program for Wisconsin.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my view!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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6/5/2018	<p>It is imperative that all Wisconsin senior citizens have access to medical prescription coverage, no matter their income or situation.</p> <p>SeniorCare is the best coverage that meets our needs at this time.</p> <p>I request that you grant a waiver for SeniorCare for another 10 years.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	<p>Seniors in rural area[s] need to be consider[ed] in all changes. Number one things a shortage [of] funds to support medical needs (personal). State need to consider all individual[s] when making changes. I used SeniorCare a year ago do [sic] to a leg injury. Not sure how my needs would have been met without it. Continuation of this program is needed my [sic] many rural voters please.</p>		X		Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	<p>Please keep SeniorCare. This is a good program for seniors on [a] tight budget and low income. I've been a member for many years.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/5/2018	<p>Please keep SeniorCare. It is a good program and makes prescriptions affordably. Without SeniorCare I won't be able to afford my medicines. Part D of Medicare is just too expensive for me. SeniorCare is very good for our state.</p> <p>Again, please don't do away with our SeniorCare.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.
6/6/2018	<p>See letter attached.</p>	X			Follow up was not needed.

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Public Meeting: Milwaukee

Designation	Type	Comment	Resolution
Advocate	Verbal	I am a volunteer advocate with AARP and I am speaking on behalf of their 50,000 members. SeniorCare is a drug assistance program that helps with drug costs. AARP is a strong supporter of the program since SeniorCare was implemented. I support a 10 year waiver. Wisconsin has provided a unique solution to address the rising cost of prescription drugs. I urge CMS to approve a 10 year waiver. Thank you.	No follow up needed.
Consumer	Written	Continuing SeniorCare drug assistance is critical to limited income elderly. Prescription costs continue to rise on an arbitrary basis. Establishing a long-term ten year waiver program will enable participants to plan and manage health care prescription benefits.	No follow up needed.
Advocate	Written	As an tax aide tax preparer I have the opportunity to see peoples financial life. I have to enter their finances into the tax program and as a person just turned 65 I was very focused on what people paid for insurance and what insurance they had. I was amazed on how few people had Medicare Part D and used SeniorCare instead. Asking why they used SeniorCare I was told over and over again that it was easier to use and more affordable. We need to keep SeniorCare.	No follow up needed.
Advocate	Written	I support the need to apply for the extension. I was not aware of the program until I came to this public comment meeting.	No follow up needed.
	Written	To Whom it May Concern: I, O. H. and wife Jean, 45th Street, Greenfield, WI have participated in SeniorCare since its inception. We both have prescriptions and the combination of SeniorCare and discount programs such as Good Rx have made our prescription needs affordable. I support the proposed 10 year extension fully. Any questions on the above issue please feel free to call me. Sincerely,	No follow up needed.

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Public Meeting: Madison

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Advocate	Verbal	<p>Thank you very much. I would like to say that SeniorCare is one of those programs that turned out to be a lot more successful than we thought it would be. When we worked on it we saw it lead for older people particularly for low-income, older people who couldn't afford their drugs. But once the program was passed I think this was one of those programs that implementation was important if not more important than the legislation. I would add to what some people have said about the department and the staff of the department and the job that they have done. I think the best way to describe it is that SeniorCare has always been an extremely complicated program, but not to the people who use it. I always thought that was the best feature of it. It was complicated to you, but it wasn't complicated to the seniors who use it. That took place from the very beginning with a one page application form. I was happy to see the cumulative number in the waiver that was 290,000 that have been on SeniorCare one time or another since it started. It is approaching 300,000 and that is incredible. If we get a 10 year waiver that will be another 300,000 people that we are able to help. I have one issue that I would like to bring to attention. One glitch is that we do not have a lot of hospital pharmacies participating in the program and that creates an issue for people who are on SeniorCare who go into the hospital, emergency room or are in observation status that can't get their drugs paid for. I'm only aware of one hospital pharmacy that is part of SeniorCare. I would ask that you think about how to get more hospital pharmacies signed up to participate in the program because it can be very expensive for someone under observations status and they can't submit bills to SeniorCare for reimbursement on their own. A little gap in coverage that I think is important. Otherwise, I am very proud to be a part of the SeniorCare program. Thank you.</p>	<p>DHS would need to do more research on observation status to align with Medicare. At this point, DHS is not changing the waiver.</p>

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Advocate	Verbal	<p>I would agree with Tom with all of the accolades he gave SeniorCare. I think it something we need to remember that this is the last drug waiver program in the country. It stands on its own and it has stood on its own and I think it has a lot to do with talking about with the public and advocating for it to the department whenever that had to occur. Even today, there was a lot of advocacy going on around this table. Because it's been around for a while and things go through process improvement. I would also go down the same road that Tom talked about is to identify another gap in coverage that is becoming extremely important for seniors. I talked to our legal department to find out where those gaps and they listed a few of them, but the one they were most concerned about was the lack of coverage for vaccines. Coincidentally just last week, I was talking to a retired colleague and he was talking about having to go for new type of shingles vaccine which he said is now costing \$300. It is obvious that vaccines have become extremely important, become sophisticated and therefore expensive and I think consideration of covering vaccines like Medicare Part D. I think that would be a strong improvement to the program. I would also like to say, going back to the beginning of SeniorCare when Part D didn't exist; I thought that SeniorCare would be the Part D that was created. It wasn't and that's too bad.</p>	<p>Covering vaccines as a part of SeniorCare would require a change in statute.</p>

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Advocate	Verbal	<p>Good Morning my name is Janet Zander and I am the advocacy and public policy coordinator with the greater Wisconsin agency on aging resources. We work very closely with county and tribal gaining units and the Aging and Disability Resource Centers of the local level serving seniors across Wisconsin. I am here today to speak wholeheartedly in support of the 10 year extension request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to extend the SeniorCare program. The fact that there is a simple short, application, providing affordable coverage for seniors whether they are low-income seniors with chronic conditions that require a great deal of medications and this provides an affordable way for them to do that. Or as Tom pointed out earlier, seniors who take no medication at all and need creditable coverage, SeniorCare has been able to provide exactly what they need for that period of time. I would echo what you heard earlier from SeniorCare Advisory Committee members, in that there are two improvements that could be made to the program that I think support the goals of the program which are to improve the health outcomes and lower the health costs to the senior population. That would be to add coverage for vaccinations similar to what would be covered under the Medicare Part D program so that we could in fact reduce health costs from associated things if we didn't get our flu shots or our shingles shots and all of those other things that are so important. Also, expand our network of coverage for hospital pharmacies when we run across folks in our elder loss center and through our benefit specialists who have found themselves in emergency rooms or as outpatient coverage because they were in an observation status, in a hospital in an out of network hospital pharmacy provider they find themselves with very, very high expensive prescription drug costs that are not covered and they cannot submit the costs either. I think these would be two really good improvements that we should take into consideration. Thank you for your submission and thank you for your time.</p>	Covering vaccines as a part of SeniorCare would require a change in statute.
Advocate	Written	<p>I just want to make a quick recognition of the AARP volunteers that are here today. I think Judith's comments about the cost savings that she and rich have experienced as being part of the SeniorCare program is emblematic of so many people around the state who have had such a positive experience with the SeniorCare program. I know that you collect a lot of those comments and not everybody can be here today, but I really appreciate you, Judith, sharing that story and the other volunteers who are here and will again give you their feedback and will also do our best at AARP to reach out to other SeniorCare members who around the state may not be here personally with us, to provide testimony to the state as that renewal application moves forward so CMS understands how important this program is to our state and seniors of the state. It is great to see our red shirts in the audience today.</p>	No follow up was needed.

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AARP- advocate	Verbal/Written: Judith provided a written copy of her verbal testimony.	<p>Good Morning. My name is Judith Joslin-Crary. I am a volunteer advocate for AARP Wisconsin and am serving as the spokesperson for AARP Wisconsin and their 850,000 plus members here in Wisconsin and the advocates here today. I speak in support of the request to extend the SeniorCare waiver for 10 years.</p> <p>Both my husband and I have been SeniorCare enrollees since my retirement nine years ago, and have been grateful to have access to this prescription drug assistance program for qualified older adults. When you're on a fixed income, it is very important to be able to limit out-of-pocket expenses. We are hopeful it will continue for many years as is without reductions in benefits or increased eligibility requirements. I'm sure the other 92,000 enrollees are hoping so too.</p> <p>It's also very cost effective because of its three part funding sources of Federal Medicaid funds, GPR funds and Program revenue as manufacturer rebates and enrollment fees. Over time it has saved us a significant amount of money.</p> <p>We feel it would be reassuring to current enrollees to enact a longer extension period so the program will not only be there for them but also for those who will become eligible into the next 10 years. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.</p>	No follow up was needed.
Advocate	Written	Prescription drugs are an expensive necessity for seniors. The costs can destroy a budget, making it difficult to afford food and housing. SeniorCare has become essential for seniors who need assistance to maintain comfortable life styles.	No follow up was needed.
Consumer/ Advocate	Written	Extend waiver- SeniorCare program. Need to know what you have to pay on a fix income, longer extension program, lower health costs.	No follow up was needed.
Consumer	Written	I like the ease of signing up for an alternative to Part D plans. For healthy retirees it makes sense. It also makes since to get a long term waiver for SeniorCare.	No follow up was needed.
Consumer	Written	Seniors are concerned about rising drug prices. SeniorCare helps with out-of-pocket costs. Great Program.	No follow up was needed.
Consumer	Written	SeniorCare lowers the costs of drugs for seniors. We have enough problems with the cost of living so SeniorCare puts a floor under drug costs and helps us with ones cost we don't have to worry about.	No follow up was needed.
Consumer	Written	It's a Godsend due to the money saved. It helps because it is so easy to fill out the app. WI should be proud to be able to provide a program like this. It almost pays for itself due [to] the funding sources.	No follow up was needed.
Advocate	Written	My mother in-law died [at] age 104. She loved SeniorCare because of her limited money and the ease of use and choice for her medications. It is a very great program. Please!! Continue on the 10 year program.	No follow up was needed.

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Advocate	Written	<p>Having the program (SeniorCare) for 10 years would let people know they don't have to worry about renewing their application as my mom did because she forgot one year.</p> <p>SeniorCare program is easy to enroll in and much more affordable for seniors as so many of them have to count every cent to make ends meet.</p> <p>Please make this a 10 year program for us seniors to use and enjoy.</p>	No follow up was needed.
Consumer	Written	<p>Prescription drug costs are a concern for retired persons on a fixed income. Wisconsin's current program limits these costs, of which I approve.</p> <p>To extend the program for 10 years, will ensure the program will be there for those that need it.</p> <p>There are currently 92,000 enrolled in SeniorCare which involves much paperwork if people have to re-enroll every year- once every 10 years saves taxpayers money.</p> <p>SeniorCare is simple and helps seniors predict their drugs costs, which makes for easy budgeting.</p>	No follow up was needed.
Advocate	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whole-heartedly support DHS' request for a 10 year extension of the SeniorCare program. 2. Request consideration of expanding the program benefit to include coverage of vaccines that would be covered by Medicare Part D. 3. Include efforts to expand the network to include more hospital pharmacies to help seniors receiving prescriptions in the emergency room or hospital during an observation stay from facing high prescription drug bill costs that are ineligible for reimbursement if the pharmacy is not in-network (which many are not). <p>My complete comments will be submitted on line prior to June 7, 2018. Thank you.</p>	Covering vaccines as a part of SeniorCare would require a change in statute.
Advocate	Written	See letter attached.	