



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

June 8, 2009

The Honorable Edward G Rendell
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell,

We are writing to express our deep concern with the proposal by the Department of Public Welfare to carve out pharmacy benefits from the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

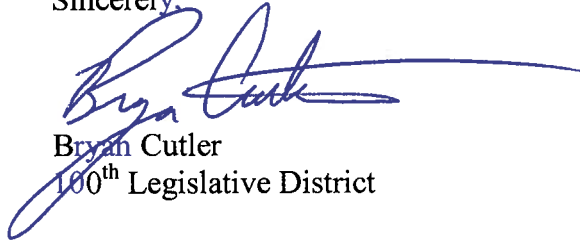
As you are aware, this proposal has been rejected repeatedly by the Legislature yet your administration is seeking, for a fourth year in a row, to carve out these benefits.

- Carving out the pharmacy benefit from the MCOs stands to fragment and disrupt the fully integrated, outcome based, cost-effective and mature medical management of more than 1.1 million Medicaid recipients.
- A pharmacy carve out will inhibit MCOs ability to effectively manage the entire person in a proactive nature through intensive case and disease management of both physical health and pharmacy.
- Lack of real time pharmacy data will inhibit MCO ability to appropriately develop and coordinate case management interventions and monitor patient and provider compliance. This stands to lower the quality of consumers benefit which will increase costs to the healthcare system and state in the long run.

The MCOs have served the Commonwealth well by lowering healthcare cost escalation, achieving measurable health outcomes and providing for improved access to providers for a vulnerable population.

We ask that this proposal that has been consistently unsupported by the General Assembly no longer be considered for discussion or implementation.

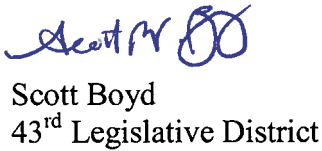
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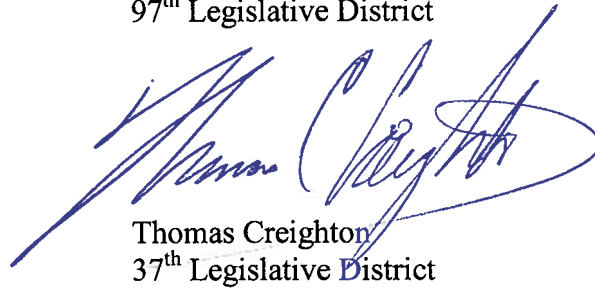
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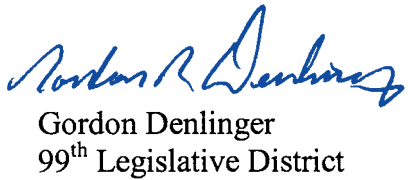
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