

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2012

Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

We write in strong support of Wisconsin's application for a three-year renewal of its SeniorCare Section 1115 Demonstration Project. SeniorCare offers Wisconsin seniors a quality, affordable prescription drug benefit that enjoys widespread support throughout the state.

For over a decade, SeniorCare has provided tremendous value to Wisconsin and the federal government. Thanks to its ability to negotiate lower drug prices and obtain considerable drug manufacturer rebates, SeniorCare has saved Wisconsinites hundreds of millions of dollars. On average, these manufacturer rebates pay for over 40 percent of SeniorCare costs. And in 2010 alone, SeniorCare's negotiating powers saved seniors \$80 million. The program's benefits are passed on to the federal government through reduced Medicare and Medicaid spending.

SeniorCare is extremely popular with our constituents. With a simple enrollment process, a \$30 annual enrollment fee, copayments of \$5 for generic drugs and \$15 for brand-name drugs, and income-based deductibles, the program is as easy-to-use as it is cost-effective. We regularly hear from Wisconsin families that they would be devastated to see SeniorCare go away.

For these reasons, SeniorCare has inspired unwavering support from our congressional delegation. Together we stand committed to guaranteeing that SeniorCare remain an option for Wisconsin seniors. We are pleased that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued a request for renewal of SeniorCare without major changes to the program. We ask that you quickly approve the request and do whatever is in your power to provide Wisconsin seniors with affordable, easily accessible medications. Thank you for your consideration.

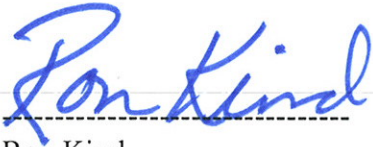
Sincerely,



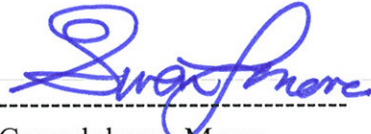
Herbert Kohl
Senator



Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress



Ron Kind
Member of Congress



Gwendolynne Moore
Member of Congress