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Concern Re: Docket # OON-1256

I am very concerned about the news I heard yesterday in reference to the change in the criteria of the make-up of over the counter drugs. The change of a drug such as Provachol a cholesterol lowering drug would be a ~~fiscial~~ financial burden ~~too~~ many elderly. I work with seniors who have incomes as low as $540 per month and a $120 out of pocket cost is a problem.

What is the government's purpose in a medicare prescription coverage and then taking such a necessary medication and making it the fenicial responsibility of the individual. It just doesn't make any sense!

Sincerely,

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