

House Bill 670  
State Prescription Drug Benefits – Retirees

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I support this bill.

As a state employee, and now retiree, this prescription benefit was promised to me as part of my employment. I chose the lower pay of state employment in part because of this benefit.

Additionally, under the latest plan, my dependent wife, 6-years my junior, will lose her prescription drug benefits when I turn 65 and am forced into a Medicare Part D drug plan. There is no provision for her prescription drug benefits under the 2025 plan. For 6 years, she will do without any prescription coverage until she becomes 65 and goes under Medicare herself.

DBM has answered that they will address this, but never has. DBM has claimed they will handle it on a case by case basis, but has never explained how. When asked how it will be handled, DBM has never explained or answered, except to say they will deal with it later.

I have no doubt that DBM will NOT address this failing, and my wife will lose all prescription coverage when I turn 65.

For these reasons, I strongly support this bill, properly restoring state prescription drug benefits to retirees.