

HB670

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Support (FAV)

My name is Trudy Baker. I worked for the State of Maryland for 42.5 years, as a nurse, at the Eastern Shore Hospital Center. I worked for the same institution my entire career taking care of psychiatric patients. I was a devoted, reliable worker throughout my tenure for my patients and colleagues. I retired July 1, 2019 with the assurance that I would continue to pay premiums for and receive my health and prescription coverage through the State of Maryland. I have ongoing health issues related to adhesions and bowel obstructions. My husband Richard, who is also covered under me, has struggled with diabetes and was recently diagnosed with plasmacytoma of the hip(cancer). As we face this new challenge, I should not have to be concerned about our prescription coverage on top of my husband's health. I served the State of Maryland well and they in turn should provide for us what I was guaranteed in my employment contract and paid for with my vested time and money. I ask that you strongly consider voting for HB670 to reinstate State of Maryland Retirees' prescription benefits.