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CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY SUPPORTS PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE NOW ACT OF 2007

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The Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc. is pleased to support the Prescription Coverage Now Act of 2007, which will make it easier for low-income older people and people with disabilities to obtain help in paying the cost-sharing for their Medicare prescription drug coverage.

According to Center for Medicare Advocacy Executive Director Judith Stein, "About three-quarters of Medicare beneficiaries who are without drug coverage are eligible for the low-income subsidy that assists with Part D premiums, co-payments, and the coverage gap. This bill will expedite the application process for the subsidy and make it easier to apply by revising the resource standards used to determine eligibility."

The bill will also eliminate the Part D late enrollment penalty for those who are found eligible for the low-income subsidy. "The late enrollment penalty discourages beneficiaries with limited means from enrolling in a drug plan and from applying for the low-income subsidy," concludes Ms. Stein.

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