



November 17, 2006

Dear Friends:

Many Medicare beneficiaries have contacted me about problems they have experienced with Medicare Part D. Medicare Part D open enrollment for 2007 began this week and lasts until December 31st, 2006. The growing complexity of Medicare Part D makes it more important than ever for beneficiaries to review the changes and fully consider the options available.

This year, Medicare Part D is even more confusing, because most plans have changed drug coverage and costs for 2007. In addition, the number of plans in Minnesota has grown from 74 this year to 112 for 2007. If you are eligible for Medicare Part D or are currently enrolled in a plan, I encourage you to review the upcoming changes and carefully consider your options during this open enrollment period so that you can make an informed decision about your prescription drug coverage.

Resources that Provide Information and Counseling on Medicare

MN Senior LinkAge Line: 1-800-333-2433

MN Senior Federation: 651-645-0261; <http://www.mnseniors.org>

Medicare: 1-800-Medicare (633-4227); <http://www.medicare.gov>

In addition, please feel free to contact my office anytime at 651-224-9191.

Improving Medicare Part D and providing real prescription drug coverage is a priority for me in the next session of Congress.



In Inver Grove Heights, Rep. McCollum greets local veterans and thanks them for their military service. McCollum discussed her support for a New GI Bill of Rights to strengthen benefits for our men and women in uniform today, and provide more responsive benefits for many who have already served.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Serving Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

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