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MEMORANDUM

To:

All House Members

From:

Representative Seth Grove

Subject:

Proposed Legislation - PACENET Expansion (House Bill 1918 from 2009-2010)

Date:

February 23, 2011

In the near future, I will be reintroducing legislation from the 2009-2010 session which will increase PACENET eligibility to \$30,000 for individuals and \$40,000 for couples. This will cost the Commonwealth \$20.2 million to implement. My plan to pay for this increase is simple. When the federal government creates cost savings through covering half the cost of the doughnut hole in Medicare Part D, which will provide an estimated savings of \$40 million to PACE/PACENET, PACENET can then authorize the increase of eligibility. This allows for the expansion at no cost to the Commonwealth.

Please join me in providing additional prescription coverage to our most needy senior citizens at no cost to the Commonwealth. You may contact my legislative secretary, Lisa Burkholder, at 783-2655, or via email at lburkhol@pahousegop.com.

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