

As Taxpayers and Residents in the State of Connecticut, YOU should know that.....

The most recent contract negotiation between the State of Connecticut and its employees, resulted in a change to state employee pharmacy benefits to a mandatory mail order program for maintenance medications (like Lipitor for cholesterol). That change will have the following effect on the state's economy and its residents.

- The National Community Pharmacists Association estimates that the state of **Connecticut will lose at least \$53 million dollars** annually* while pursuing \$20 million dollars in projected savings from this new plan.
- If you live in any of the rural towns in the state with only one pharmacy, it may be threatened by this plan.
- Contracts were offered to all pharmacies to participate in the plan but because all community pharmacies (independent and chain similarly) purchase as retail operations, they are not able to access mail order pricing.
- Community pharmacies believe that everyone should have freedom of choice as to where they fill their prescriptions.

Community pharmacies want to continue to serve state employees and all the rest of their patients and customers!

Community pharmacies want the Governor to know that the savings he needs in the state employee pharmacy benefit, can be achieved without destroying businesses and sending tax dollars out of state.

If you agree with this message please let the governor and your state and federal legislators know that Connecticut businesses need to be preserved and protected. Urge them to put Connecticut taxpayers, patients and pharmacies first!

It is important for all state residents to have freedom of choice in where they fill their prescriptions.

Thank you,
Connecticut Community Pharmacies

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