

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CITY OF NEW HAVEN
THE NEW HAVEN MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON AIDS

ACTION ALERT:

MEDICAID CO-PAY REPEAL

To: «FirstName» «LastName» At «FaxPhone»

In: «Company» Pages: 2

From: Tom Jackson Date: April 28, 1998

Re: Urgent request for assistance

Time to act

We are now down to the closing days of the current Legislative Session.

The repeal of the Medicaid Prescription Co-pay is still in doubt.

Please call the following New Haven lawmakers who have not fully committed to voting for complete repeal of the Connecticut Medicaid Prescription Co-pay:

Lawmaker	Home phone	Office phone
Rep. Bill Dyson	777-3460	946-6937
Rep. Chris DePino	467-9306	547-0589
Rep. Pat Dillon	387-6159	860-240-8548
Rep. Cam Staples (‘will support if no effect on budget’ – but there is)	773-9123	860-240-0420
Sen. Martin Looney	468-8829	777-4716

State Reps. Lawlor, Scipio and Martinez and Sen. Harp have all said they will vote for this bill. Please do not call them at this time, (but feel free to send a letter of thanks).

What to do:

- 1. Recruit people who work with you and who are your clients to call and leave a message with the lawmakers using the phone numbers in the box above. Or, you can call them in Hartford using the numbers we provided last time. We need to generate a large number of calls to the lawmakers in the box.**
- 2. Ask the lawmaker:**
 - Please support complete repeal of the Medicaid Perception Co-Pay.**
 - The Co-pay hurts people who are poor and sick have to take a lot of medicine.**
 - We know of Medicaid patients living with HIV-AIDS who could not afford to pay the co-pay, did not fill their prescriptions, and ended up back in the hospital. That costs a lot more than repealing the co-pay.**
 - Some senior citizens and people living with HIV/AIDS must spend \$35 to \$45 a month to pay the current co-pay.**
 - Please do not support a 50 cent co-pay. If people could afford to pay this, they would not be on Medicaid.**
- 3. Please let me know if you get any feedback, (468-0707, Ext, 116).**