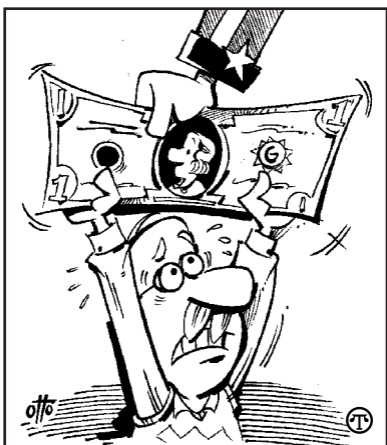


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Seniors Hold Key To Lower Drug Prices

(NAPSA)—Seniors hold a key to making drugs more affordable this year—their vote. As drug costs rise and drug benefits are cut, pressure is reaching critical mass for adding Medicare drug coverage.



Seniors say it's a healthy idea for Congress to free up more money for prescription drug price reform.

According to recent government data, spending on prescription drugs doubled in five years. "Any seniors will tell you their cost-of-living adjustment doesn't come close to covering these increases," says George A. Smith, Chairman of TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL).

Proposals in Congress would add a voluntary prescription drug benefit to Medicare, but Congress is divided on how to fund the expensive benefit.

"Seniors who can't afford their prescription drugs should contact their Members of Congress and ask for help now," added Smith. "Then they should be sure they are registered to vote."

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