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From: Elizabeth Dodgen [mailto:elizabethdodgen@gmail.com]
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I am 53 years old and on disability. This year on December 31st I will no longer have the insurance that the company I retired from provided. Therefore, I will no longer have prescription drug coverage. I have looked into Medicare Part D and they all want to limit the amounts of my medication. I am on quite a bit of medication for chronic depression, anxiety, PTSD, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Chronic Migraines, hypothyroidism and insomnia just to name a few. Most of the medication that they want to limit is for my depression and diabetes.

My depression is well controlled thanks to Dr. Larry Nelson with whom I have been working with almost 30 years. But, I have to take three different anti-depressants. One is Effexor 75 mg. that I take 5 capsules of each day. I actually take the generic, Venlafaxine so that it is less expensive and that is the reason for so many capsules.

The brand name comes in a 375mg. capsule so to get 375 in the generic I have to take 5. The Medicare Part D plans limit me to 91 capsules per 90 day periods. I need 450 like I'm getting now. If I don't take this medicine I will be locked up at Richland Springs unable to function in every day life.

So, I have been looking for a Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan and what I keep getting told is that they don't offer that in South Carolina. A web site I was on looking for answers sent me to your web site. I tried calling you but couldn't even leave a message for someone to call me back so that is why I am sending you both this email. Please get back to me and tell me if you can help.

Best regards,

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