

Resolution on Drug Prices

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3 **WHEREAS**, the use of fair market value to negotiate drug prices was prohibited when
4 designing Medicare Plan D; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the American tradition of free market competition was conveniently
7 ignored in favor of pharmaceutical company profits; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, Medicare Plan D is clearly a benefit to the drug companies at the expense
10 of the patient;

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12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State congressional delegation
13 work to improve Medicare Plan D in such a manner that the cost of prescription drugs
14 is negotiated and the cost to subscribers is reduced; and

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16 **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
17 Party direct our Washington Congressional delegation to revise Medicare prescription
18 law to have:

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20 1. Less co-pay or no co-pay for low-income patients; and
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22 2. Lower premiums; and
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24 3. More choices in plans; and
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26 4. An allowance for state governments to negotiate with prescription drug
27 companies and/or insurance companies for prescription drugs; and
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29 5. An allowance for U.S. citizens to purchase medications from other countries.
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32 Submitted by the Okanogan County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic
33 Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date Submitted
34 04/08/2006)

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36 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in
37 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its
38 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.

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40 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a
41 "Pass" at its September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be
42 forwarded to the WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.
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- 1 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in
- 2 Tacoma.