

## **MEDICARE SYSTEM REFUSED MEDICINE FOR SENIOR**

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**On February 24, 2011, an elderly man brought papers to our office and asked for help. The medicine that his wife needed according to her doctor was not allowed by Medicare. The senior citizen couple is from Hobart, Indiana.**

**The man was concerned.**

**“The doctor says that my wife needs this medicine. Why won’t Medicare allow it with here Medicare Part D plan?” he asked me. I didn’t have an answer for him. I needed to study the papers. I never heard of such a situation as the husband described.**

**Here is how the letter starts.**

**“We have denied coverage of the . . . prescription drug(s) that you or your prescriber requested: . . . .”**

**“We denied this request because medical documentation received from you or your physician does not satisfy the specific requirements within your Plan’s coverage rules regarding this medication.”**

**Imagine that. Medicare Part D plans that don’t pay for what the doctor prescribes because some rules say that a senior citizen can’t have or doesn’t really need a medicine that a doctor prescribes. It seems that Medicare Part D is not the wonderful thing that some politicians who pushed it said it would be. What? We can’t trust the politicians who say that they want to help us?**

**Here is the point: A government run health care system that is run by politicians and bureaucrats can and will sacrifice honest and necessary health care on the altar of whatever is politically expedient at the time. What your doctor believes is in your best interest will be sacrificed to what is in the best interests of politicians and bureaucrats and special interest government contractors. If you say that you are sick and your doctor says that you are sick but a government rule says that you can’t possibly be sick because of some rules that don’t make any real sense, then you will be labeled as not ill and you won’t get the health care that you need.**

**It would be more practical for government not to pay for health care but design a reformed system which helped to make any health care needed affordable for the average person. But, certain politicians, bureaucrats, and special interest government contractors would fight against my ideas to make that a reality. Get the point?**

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