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From: Mike Thurman <thurman@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2014 11:31 AM
To: Rep. Tammie Wilson
Subject: Draft AlaskaCare Retiree Benefit Plan Booklet - 3rd Try

Tammie, The first time I tried to sent this to you, it came back because of the attachment. I need a kid setting by my shoulder when I try to do something different on g-mail. I hope this is right now. Pat Thurman.

I'm sending you a copy of the e-mail I sent to DOA regarding the Draft Retiree Benefit Plan Booklet. Mike is a journeyman carpenter and belonged to the Carpenter's Union for years. Now he belongs to both RPEA and NEA-Retired

There are some questions which only the Legislators can put pressure on DOA to provide the answers. When "Rep. Munoz requested the Department of Law do an itemized analysis to determine the legal protection preventing medical diminishment of existing benefits, RPEA was informed she was told, ""It was too complicated to deal with"". If it's to complicated for the State's lawyers how does the State expect the retiree's to be able to determine if they're medical needs are going to be covered.

RPEA hired Frieda Miller, a former Manager of Benefits and Credentialed Health Care Specialist at Retirement and Benefits to compare the 2003 plan and the current plan. She has completed her task and issued her findings. to RPEA.

If you haven't received a copy of let me know and I'll forward it to you. I've started reading it and the appearance that the State turned over decisions to Aetna, which shouldn't be theirs to make, has been very disconcerting.

Regarding AlaskaCare draft Retiree Benefit Plan Booklet 2013

I attempted to read the draft Benefit Plan to determine if we would be receiving the same level of care we've had in the past. It is difficult to read because the language is confusing governmentize and there are contradictory statements. I did try to compare them to our old plan in the areas which most concerned us. Since it isn't laid out the same it made very difficult.

My husband, TRS Member, has Parkinson, a chronic condition. It appears that under **Section 3.4.13 Cognitive Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Rehabilitation Benefits** his physical therapy and speech therapy wouldn't be cover. Parkinson, is a progressive disease and these therapies are a vital part of maintaining a his quality of life.

The comment period was very short on this plan. Please allow another 30 days for members to make comments.

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