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The most WRETCHED tax of all time on prescriptions

A 70 cent tax proposed on prescriptions in Maine is disgraceful! I have been a retail pharmacist for over 28 years and have seen countless times when elderly and young families struggle to pay for their prescriptions. I am not talking about the retail price, but they struggle to even pay for their \$3 copays! I have one 77 year old patient that was not filling his inhalers. When I asked him why, he couldn't afford them and oil for heat during the winter!

I even had one 80 year old that went home to get some very old 50 cent pieces her husband brought back from the war to pay her \$3 copay for her antibiotic for pneumonia. I replaced those coins out of the cash drawer and contacted the patient after work so my coin- collecting husband could give her face value for those and other valuable old coins in her profession.

The proposed new ambulance tax is equally wretched to take advantage of Maine people during a very tragic event. Is nothing sacred in this state any longer?

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HORRID NEW TAX PASS! Carol Doorenbos