



## 2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

April 20, 2017 - Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, HANSEN, VINEHOUT, WIRCH, RINGHAND, JOHNSON, L. TAYLOR and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives KOLSTE, PETRYK, ZEPNICK, HESSELBEIN, BILLINGS, SPREITZER, MASON, MILROY, HEBL, SINICKI, KESSLER, ANDERSON, ZAMARRIPA, C. TAYLOR, CROWLEY, BALLWEG, SHANKLAND, SUBECK, WACHS and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** recognizing the 15th anniversary of the start of SeniorCare.

2             Whereas, as health care costs rise, access to affordable prescription medication  
3 is increasingly important to seniors for their health care; and

4             Whereas, in response to a lack of prescription drug coverage for low-income  
5 seniors, the Wisconsin state legislature passed, and then Governor Scott McCallum  
6 signed into law, a proposal called "SeniorCare" to seek a waiver from Medicaid to  
7 start a pilot demonstration project to help deliver vital prescription drugs at an  
8 affordable cost to low-income seniors; and

9             Whereas, in 2002, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
10 allowed a demonstration project for SeniorCare for a period of five years beginning  
11 in 2002; and

12             Whereas, SeniorCare is notable in that it saves taxpayers money by allowing  
13 Wisconsin to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for volume discounts,  
14 rebates, and other cost-saving measures that Medicare and Medicaid otherwise  
15 generally forbid; and

