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COMPTROLLER PRAISES LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCING PLAN TO SAVE \$76 MILLION IN PRESCRIPTION PURCHASING

Comptroller Kevin Lembo today announced that the General Assembly's Human Services Committee has advanced a proposal to save more than \$76 million annually in prescription drug costs.

"I want to commend the committee for advancing this critical proposal - to immediately save the state more than \$76 million in drug costs," Lembo said.

"The state's purchasing system is currently flawed and fractured - inefficient and staggered among different agencies. This proposal would provide greater efficiencies, by unifying and streamlining state purchasing. It would harness substantial volume-related discounts, with no disruption for individuals as they fill their prescriptions.

"Our plan would eventually consolidate DSS's (Department of Social Services) prescription purchasing under my office - extending the more desirable pricing that my office has been able to negotiate to the state medical assistance programs.

"I particularly want to thank State Rep. Peter Tercyak (D-New Britain) and State Sen. Anthony Musto (D-Trumbull) for their leadership -- recognizing the needs of providers and pharmacists, as well as all state taxpayers who need and deserve immediate savings."

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