

# News Release

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## **SENATOR JAMES E. TIMILTY (D-WALPOLE) AND MASSMEDLINE, PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE HOTLINE, TO BE ON HAND AT THE WALPOLE COUNCIL ON AGING**

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**Walpole, MA**– MassMedLine, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' statewide prescription assistance hotline, in collaboration with Senator James E. Timilty (D-Walpole), will be at the Walpole Council on Aging on October 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The Council on Aging is located at the Walpole Town Hall, 135 School Street, Walpole, MA. Representatives from MassMedLine will present information on the services of the MassMedLine program and how staff members assist callers with the Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Staff will distribute educational materials about programs to help Massachusetts residents pay for medications and tools to help people manage the medications they may take. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

MassMedLine is a public-private partnership between the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. MassMedLine, started in 2001 through the efforts of MCPHS President Charles F. Monahan, Jr., is a free non-profit program that assists Massachusetts residents in obtaining affordable prescription drugs and information about their medication. Trained staff assist callers to the toll free line identify programs for medication assistance from the many private, state and federal options offered. With one call to MassMedLine and a brief intake with a program specialist, callers are assessed for any eligible programs and assisted with enrollments and any other forms needed. MassMedLine is available to Massachusetts residents of all ages, and can be reached at 1-866-633-1617.

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