

EXECUTIVE ORDER

06-05

March 31, 2006

**CONTINUATION OF
EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTION DRUG RELIEF**

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2006, I signed an Executive Order requiring the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Acting Director of the Department of Human Services as well as other affected agencies to provide certain supplemental assistance to senior citizens and disabled individuals who are eligible for benefits under both Medicaid and Medicare (“dually eligible beneficiaries”) under the Medicare Modernization Act, Part D;

WHEREAS, I twice extended the terms of this Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the current Executive Order expires on April 1, 2006, unless again extended; and

WHEREAS, the federal government still has not completely addressed its failure to process prescription benefits for dually eligible beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, a small group of dual eligibles adversely impacted by the federal government’s inability to process benefits correctly continues to require state intervention; and

WHEREAS, pharmacies in Rhode Island continue to experience problems in processing the sales of covered prescription drugs to these dually eligible beneficiaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, pursuant to the powers contained in the Rhode Island General Laws, including but not limited to Chapter 30-15

and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby order as follows:

1. That the provisions of Executive Order 06-01, Emergency Prescription Drug Relief, shall continue to remain in full force and effect until April 17, 2006 unless extended, revoked or modified by Executive Order.

So Ordered:



Donald L. Carcieri

Dated: March 31, 2006