

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of an Australian mother with the dependent child ( ), draws to the attention of the house; his dilemma of being denied his entitlement to access the concessional medicines of the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme during the process of his mother being transferred from a parenting pension to another eligible benefit after he turned 16.

Centrelink Correspondence/March 6 2012/Reference: 301 762 845J

Your Parenting Payment has been cancelled.

This decision has been made because you do not have a dependent child under 16 living with you.

I now have a dependent child 16 living with me.

Your Pensioner Concession Card is valid until 2 April 2012.

Please destroy this card.

An electronic check will show that you are no longer entitled to the concessional rate of Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme medicines.

{for the following days 2012, April 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, on the 16<sup>th</sup> finally a Confirmation of Concession Card entitlement was issued to his parent representative.

I wonder if you realise the **"Reality Gap"** in this current policy.

For my son it was 13 Days..... of being denied his entitlement to access the concessional medicines of the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme.

I therefore ask the House to re-examine the transition processes of this statute, and perhaps implement a policy covering the subject matter which prevents dependent children from being denied their entitlement to access the concessional medicines of the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme. Their lives may depend on it.