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## Government subsidized Viagra program is “sex welfare” — and should be cut off

*“Uncle Sam shouldn’t play cupid with our money,” says Libertarian Party*

WASHINGTON, DC — There is no Constitutional right to sex — so the government shouldn’t spend millions of dollars of taxpayers’ money to provide Viagra pills to Medicaid recipients and federal employees, says the Libertarian Party.

“Politicians are making whoopee with taxpayers’ money,” charged Ron Crickenberger, the party’s national director. “When the Founding Fathers guaranteed the right to pursue happiness, this is *not* what they meant.”

At least 10 states have decided to supply Viagra, the new wonder drug for impotence, to Medicaid recipients. In addition, the federal health insurance program — which covers millions of federal employees, including Congressmen — will subsidize the popular, \$10-a-pop pill.

**“Politicians are insatiable:** They can’t say no to any excuse to spend more of our money,” said Crickenberger. “They’ve managed to turn sex into another government entitlement program.”

Since the FDA approved Viagra in March, the blue, diamond-shaped pill from Pfizer, Inc. has turned into a runaway hit. In response, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia furnished the drug to Medicaid recipients at taxpayer expense, arguing that it was a medical necessity.

**What will this sex subsidy for would-be Casanovas cost?** Louisiana has already shelled out \$23,000 for Viagra — and the cost to taxpayers nationwide could run into the tens of millions of dollars. And that’s why Libertarians say that the politicians and bureaucrats who approved this program need a dose of enforced *fiscal* abstinence.

“Handing out subsidized Viagra is sex welfare — and the politicians who approved this had better realize that taxpayers won’t respect them in the morning,” said Crickenberger.

Instead of the government paying for Viagra, the individuals who want to use the drug should buy it themselves, he said.

“The free market created this drug; the free market will supply it to anyone willing to pay for it. Uncle Sam doesn’t have to play Cupid with our money.”

But until that happens, Crickenberger said he has only one wish: “We need a political Lorena Bobbit in Washington DC who isn’t afraid to take a boondoggle program like government-subsidized Viagra — and cut it off completely.”

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