



April 8, 2015

Chair Monnes Anderson,  
Members of the Senate Committee on Healthcare

Memorandum in Support of SB 841

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is BJ Cavnor and I am the Executive Director of One in Four Chronic Health. I am here today to ask for your support of SB 841.

One in Four is a collaborative working on behalf of patients living with chronic health conditions. These conditions include cancer, HIV, heart and lung diseases, Lupus and other auto-immune condition, hepatitis and mental health issues.

For the patients we serve medication adherence is critical to maintaining health and staying out of the emergency room. There are many barriers to adherence but the ability for a patient to receive all of their regular medications at once is a barrier that we can easily remove.

Medication synchronization would allow for convenience for patients, better monitoring for adherence and could help facilitate improved refill requests and prior authorizations required from the health care provider.

Medication synchronization includes the pharmacist as part of care team of the patient, providing immediate information about dosage, interactions and side effects.

Medication synchronization can also serve to help improve public health through adherence monitoring for communicable condition that impact are treated by regular medication or vaccination. It could also be used to help monitor medications adherence, improving health and positively impacting the estimated \$290 billion spent annually because of non-adherence.

One in Four supports SB 841 because we believe that it is a simple and cost effective approach to help improve the lives of patients and help achieve the goals of the Triple Aim.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify this afternoon. If you have any further questions please contact me at: 206/601-8453 or via email at BJ@1-in-4.org .

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJ Cavnor", written over a white background.

BJ Cavnor  
Executive Director,