



House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 3012

Jan. 25, 2023

Chair Nosse and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Chronic Disease Coalition, I encourage passage of HB 3012, which would establish necessary transparency requirements for pharmacy benefit managers in Oregon.

Based in Portland, the Chronic Disease Coalition is a nationwide nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the rights of chronic disease patients against discriminatory policies and practices. The coalition was founded in 2015 and has since worked to advocate for people living with long-term or lifelong health conditions such as diabetes, kidney disease, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, cancer, and other chronic diseases.

For the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who live with chronic conditions, affording their treatments on a regular basis is a major barrier to positive health outcomes. HB 3012 is a critical step to ensuring that PBM practices are better monitored and understood – an important consideration as the state looks to lower health care costs for all Oregonians.

The markup on medications for patients at the pharmacy is a direct result of rebates negotiated by PBMs and health plans. However, those savings are not often being passed through to the insurance plan members, who pay a premium for access to care. As a result, patients are forced to overpay for their medications and that leads to worse health and financial outcomes.

This bill would shed light on what has traditionally been a complex and confusing process by ensuring that patients and payers have more information about how final prices are set. We encourage your strong support of this bipartisan bill.

Sincerely,

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