

HCS HB 2267 -- INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PHARMACY SERVICES

SPONSOR: Peters

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Public Policy by a vote of 4 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2267.

This bill prohibits health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers from imposing any penalty or limitation on providers, patients, or pharmacies for providing or receiving clinician-administered drugs, regardless of the source.

This bill prohibits health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers from discriminating against covered entities or pharmacies that participate in the 340B drug pricing program, and imposes a civil penalty for violations. The penalty cannot exceed \$5,000 per violation per day.

This bill requires health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers to provide coverage for reference products and biosimilar products.

This bill is similar to SB 751 (2024).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is a necessary step in stopping the predatory practices of big pharmaceutical companies. Supporters say that 340B protections help to maintain operations for struggling rural providers as many hospitals in rural Missouri face the possibility of closure. Ensuring that patients have ready access to life-saving drugs is also a crucial component of this bill.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Peters; Mercy Healthcare Systems; BJC Hospital; Cara Hoover, SSM Healthcare; Tuttle & Associates; Mosaic Life Care; Chance Hepola, Cox Health; Amy Weber, Fitzgibbons Hospital; Amy Wickman, Pharmd, Phelps Health; Craig Thompson, Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare; Andrew Dawson, Bothwell Regional Health and City of Sedalia; Angela Brocks, Four Rivers Community Health Center; Scott Crouch, Ozarks Community Health Center; Toniann Richard, HCC Network; St. Luke's Health

System; Missouri Hospital Association; Darinda Dick, Western Missouri Medical Center; Phelps Health; University Hospital KC; Tom Greenlee, University of Missouri Health Care; Missouri Pharmacy Association, Missouri Primary Care Association, Preferred Family Health; Mariah Hollabaugh, Citizens Memorial Hospital; Jodie Gregg; and Katie Reichard Eiken, Mo Primary Care Association .

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that, if passed, this bill will burden employers and Missouri workers with even higher health care costs. Rise in specialty drug costs and specialty drugs offer breakthrough treatments for serious and rare conditions, but they often come with expensive price tags.

Testifying in person against the bill were PhRMA; Pharmaceutical Care Management Association; America's Health Insurance Plans & Blue Cross Blue Shield Of KC; Mid America Carpenters Regional Council; and Missouri Insurance Coalition.

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Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.