



EAGLE COUNTY

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Board of County Commissioners

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Dear Representative:

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners strongly supports HB18-1260, the Drug Pricing Transparency Act of 2018.

- Health care costs continue to increase at an alarmingly high rate in Eagle County. These increases threaten healthcare access, affordability and the economic vitality of the community. As an employer, health care costs have risen steeply for Eagle County with total spending now approaching \$10 million in a \$100 million budget for all county services. Advocating for health care affordability is a key policy priority in the Eagle County Strategic Plan and essential in "Creating a Better Eagle County for All."
- Drug pricing transparency is a reasonable step toward providing policymakers, consumers, payers, and employers with the information that is needed to ensure we are able to maintain an accessible and sustainable health care system for all Coloradans. This bill is not about regulation, but rather common-sense transparency aimed at providing information to.
- As a result of skyrocketing drug prices, we know people are making difficult choices, such as not filling a prescription, splitting doses in half or relying on expired medications to treat their conditions. Others may be cutting back on expenses, including groceries, borrowing money from friends or family, or foregoing other bills to pay for their prescriptions. This is morally wrong.
- Colorado families trying to provide the best possible health care for a loved one should never have to consider not purchasing a drug because of its price, or substituting a more affordable but less effective drug.
- If we are to achieve high quality, sustainable, and affordable health care in our state and nation, transparency and accountability must be brought to the rapid escalation of drug prices.

Please support HB18-1260.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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