

Oppose House Bill 2690

House Committee on Health Care

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Prime Therapeutics

Chairman Greenlick, Vice Chair Hayden, Vice Chair Nosse, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition of House Bill 2690.

Prime Therapeutics is a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) owned by 18 Blue Cross Blue Shield plans including Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon. We improve our member's lives by making the use of prescription drugs safer, and more affordable.

We respectfully oppose House Bill 2690 because there is no way to process an amount a member paid without a claim being submitted by them or on their behalf. Without a claim, we cannot accurately attribute any out-of-pocket cost to a members existing accumulation.

We are particularly concerned about section 2 subsection (4) requiring a pharmacy benefit manager to apply a deductible or out-of-pocket accumulation to a member's cost share with no indication of how that amount was supplied to the PBM. We would require a claim submitted in accordance with their benefits to ensure the proper amount was attributed to the member.

Prime respectfully opposes House Bill 2690 as written because there is no mechanism for requiring a member to submit a claim, or a claim submitted on their behalf by authorized personnel, to ensure the appropriate amount is credited to their deductible or out-of-pocket accumulation.