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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners Policy Position Relating to prescription drugs.

Clackamas County supports House Bill 2057. Ensuring continued and reliable access to medications is critical for patient health and wellbeing, yet many of our most vulnerable patients – especially those with chronic conditions, behavioral health needs, or disabilities – face significant challenges due to limited pharmacy capacity that undermines access to affordable medications.

Clackamas County Health Centers provide comprehensive services, treating everything from minor injuries to serious health issues, while offering low-cost, high-quality care to all members of our community. Our mission is to reduce healthcare barriers, ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need to improve their lives and well-being.

HB 2057 is a step toward improving access to affordable medications by streamlining the billing process for 340B drugs. This bill eliminates unnecessary administrative burdens by prohibiting health insurers and pharmacy benefits managers from requiring prescription drug reimbursement claims to include a modifier or indicator identifying a drug as 340B. Further it streamlines compliance by allowing Federally Qualified Health Centers to share essential information through a clearinghouse. This legislation not only simplifies the process for pharmacies but also helps prevent double payments on prescription drugs, ensuring that vital medications remain accessible and affordable for patients.

We urge a "yes" vote on HB 2057.

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