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Prescription Drug Affordability Initiative

WHEREAS, to protect our lives and our well-being, every family in Wisconsin requires affordable prescription drugs;

WHEREAS, skyrocketing costs are making some medicines virtually inaccessible to our families and neighbors, with nearly one-quarter of adults reporting that they find it difficult to afford their medication;

WHEREAS, in 2019 drug manufacturers raised the prices of over 3,400 prescription drugs, with price hikes that were five times more than the average rate of inflation;

WHEREAS, in 22% of Wisconsin residents stopped taking their medication as prescribed due to cost in 2017;

WHEREAS, prescription drugs are estimated to have cost Wisconsinites over \$1.3 billion in 2019;

WHEREAS, prescription drug spending accounted for over 22% of each health insurance premium dollar spent between 2014 and 2016, making it consumers' single biggest expense on insurance premiums;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin should continue to develop innovative ways to help consumers afford their medications, building upon the State's transparency and affordability efforts, including the 2019 creation of the Governor's Task Force on Reducing Prescription Drug Prices;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned organization supports creating a new Prescription Drug Affordability Board to determine how best to make prescription drugs more affordable for all Wisconsinites, including by: examining the entire drug supply chain, including the role of drug manufacturers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), and establishing payment rates for expensive drugs that create significant affordability problems for Wisconsinites, building upon the State's efforts to lower prescription drug and health care costs for all residents.

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/drug-prices-in-2019-are-surgin-with-hikes-at-5-times-inflation/>

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