



The Nation's Advocacy Voice for In-Office Infusion

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Minnesota Legislature
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Re: Support for SF 1877

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the National Infusion Center Association (NICA), I am reaching out to express our strong support for SF 1877 and urge you to support this critical legislation during the upcoming Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection hearing on 3/11.

NICA is a nonprofit organization formed to support non-hospital, community-based infusion centers caring for patients in need of infused and injectable medications. To improve access to medical benefit drugs that treat complex, rare, and chronic diseases, we work to ensure that patients can access these drugs in high-quality, non-hospital care settings. NICA supports policies that improve drug affordability for beneficiaries, increase price transparency, reduce disparities in quality of care and safety across care settings, and enable care delivery in the highest-quality, lowest-cost setting.

As an organization representing infusion centers across Minnesota, we have seen firsthand how the practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) negatively impact patient access to life-saving infusion therapies. PBMs operate as intermediaries between insurers and drug manufacturers, often prioritizing their own financial interests over patient care. Their actions drive up costs, limit treatment options, and steer patients away from independent infusion centers to PBM-affiliated pharmacies, disrupting continuity of care.

SF 1877 takes crucial and necessary steps to address these harmful practices by requiring that any compensation, rebates, or discounts received from drug manufacturers in connection with prescription drug benefits be directly passed on to the patient at the point of sale. By implementing this measure, the legislation aims to significantly lower the out-of-pocket costs



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that patients face when purchasing their medications, ensuring they receive the full financial benefit of these negotiated savings.

This reform is a vital step toward promoting fairness and transparency in drug pricing, helping to curb the financial burden that many individuals and families experience when managing chronic conditions or undergoing essential treatments. By eliminating barriers to affordability, SF 1877 seeks to make life-saving and life-sustaining medications more accessible, preventing patients from having to forgo or delay necessary care due to prohibitive costs.

As strong advocates for accessible, high-quality infusion care, we recognize the profound impact that high drug costs can have on patient adherence and overall health outcomes. For this reason, we urge you to support SF 1877 and stand with patients in protecting their access to the medications and infusion therapies they rely on. Your support is essential in safeguarding equitable healthcare and reinforcing the commitment to patient-centered care.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Nyquist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Nyquist, MPH
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