






Prescription Drug Affordability Boards

State governments want to lower health care spending. But some policy approaches overlook what matters to patients and health care providers.

One example is prescription drug affordability boards.



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-  Do not lower patient out-of-pocket costs
-  Implement policies that may limit access to treatment
-  Limit input from patients and health care providers
-  Use discriminatory metrics
-  Overlook key cost drivers in the health care system



Patients & Health Care Providers

-  Tailor treatment to individual patients' needs
-  Value a strong physician-patient relationship
-  Deserve a say in decisions about their health
-  Need access to innovative treatments
-  Want prescribed medications at affordable out-of-pocket costs



State lawmakers can protect patient health by keeping prescription drug affordability boards out of patients' health care decisions.

Instead, they should consider patient-centered policies that bring down costs and improve health outcomes.