



Endorsement Letter House HELP Copays Act 2025

December 4, 2025

The Honorable Thomas Kean Jr. (R-NJ)
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nanette Barragán (D-CA)
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette (D-CO)
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Kean, Barragán, Miller-Meeks, Auchincloss, Fitzpatrick, and Watson Coleman;

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation to you for your leadership in introducing HR 6423, the Help Lower Patient Copays Act (HELP Copays Act), and pledge to work with you to ensure that this bipartisan, common-sense, legislation becomes law.

With rising premiums, increasing copayments, and general health care costs ballooning, Americans are struggling. People across the country, with rare, serious, and complex chronic conditions are turning to copayment assistance to help afford the specialized treatments and life-saving medications necessary to stay healthy and live long, productive lives. However, due to burdensome and dangerous practices from insurers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), these patients are once again faced with unexpected bills that can reach thousands of dollars putting their health and financial well-being at risk.

We applaud this legislation that offers a two-prong solution that will eliminate the barriers to treatment for the most vulnerable Americans, and hold PBMs and insurers accountable for their deceitful practices

- The bipartisan HELP Copays Act requires health plans to count the value of copay assistance toward patient cost-sharing requirements. This would bring much-needed relief to financially vulnerable individuals by ensuring that all payments—whether they come directly out of a patient’s pocket or with the help of copay assistance—count towards their out-of-pocket costs.
- Your legislation also closes a loophole that allows many employer health plans to deem certain covered drugs as “non-essential,” which means that the insurer will not count any cost-sharing toward the patient’s deductible and out-of-pocket maximum. Your bill will require all private plans to count all cost-sharing for covered services to accrue to a patient’s deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.

These practices undermine coverage for pre-existing conditions and ignore utilization management approvals the patient has successfully navigated leading to delays in treatment access, decreases drug adherence, and costs the health care system more money. We pledge to work with you to ensure the HELP Copays Act becomes law and American patients can get the care they deserve.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nurse and Patient Navigators
Accessia Health
The AIDS Institute
Aimed Alliance
The ALS Association
Alliance for Headache Disorders
Alliance for Patient Access
Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention
Alpha-1 Foundation
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Rheumatology
American Heart Association
American Kidney Fund
American Lung Association
American Medical Association
American Society of Clinical Oncology
Arthritis Foundation
The Assistance Fund
Autoimmune Association
Cancer Support Community
CancerCare
Chronic Care Policy Alliance
Chronic Disease Coalition
CLL Society
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations
Community Liver Alliance
Community Oncology Alliance
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition

Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
FamilyWize
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fragile X Foundation
Global Healthy Living Foundation
Go2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Haystack Project
HealthyWomen
Hemophilia Federation of America
HIV Medicine Association
HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Immune Deficiency Foundation
Infusion Access Foundation
Infusion Providers Alliance
International Cancer Advocacy Network
International Foundation for Autoimmune & Autoinflammatory Arthritis (AIArthritis)
International Myeloma Foundation
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Looms for Lupus
Little Hercules Foundation
Lung Cancer Alliance
LUNgevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Multiple Sclerosis Association of America
Muscular Dystrophy Association

National Alliance of State and
Territorial AIDS Directors
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Chain Drug
Stores
National Bleeding Disorders
Foundation
National Coalition for Cancer
Survivorship
National Community Oncology
Dispensing Association
National Consumer's League
National Diabetes Volunteer
Leadership Council
National Eczema Association
National Health Council
National Infusion Center Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare
Disorders

National Organization of
Rheumatology Management
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Patient Access Network (PAN)
Foundation
Parkinson & Movement Disorder
Alliance
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Prostate Cancer International
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Rare Army
Rheumatology Nurses Society
Society of Dermatology Physician
Assistants
Spondylitis Association of America
Susan G. Komen
Triage Cancer