Protecting Patient Assistance
California Must Act Now

ALL COPAY$ COUNT IN CALIFORNIA

PATIENTS in California often rely on copay assistance to afford their medications. However, health insurers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) are using the assistance to reduce their own costs while placing an extreme financial burden on patients, often forcing them to forgo the treatment they need.

CALIFORNIA must ensure that patient assistance goes to patients, not insurers.

COPAY ASSISTANCE is provided by drug manufacturers, charitable foundations and other third parties to help patients pay for their prescriptions, enabling them to afford medications that they would otherwise wouldn't have access to.

COPAY ACCUMULATORS are programs through which health plans and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) prevent copay assistance given to patients from counting towards their deductible and maximum out-of-pocket spending. As a result, insurers receive more than their fair share for each prescription, first from patients' copay cards and again from patients' out-of-pocket funds once the copay card is maximized and their deductible is deemed to have not been met.

INSURERS are preventing access to medications that for many patients are the only available option to treat their disease.

ACTION is needed to protect patient assistance by banning the use of copay accumulators and requiring health insurers and PBMs to apply any amount paid, regardless of the source, to the patient's deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

A total of 19 states and Puerto Rico have already banned copay accumulators.

California must act next to protect the most vulnerable patients.

ALL COPAYS COUNT IN CALIFORNIA *is a coalition of community-based organizations, patient advocacy groups and healthcare providers from across the state concerned about the devastating impact that the use of copay accumulators has on the most vulnerable patients, including underinsured individuals and patients with chronic conditions who rely on multiple medications to manage their illness.*

All Copays Count in California Coalition

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Advocacy & Awareness for Immune Disorders Association (AAIDA)
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AIM at Melanoma
Allergy and Asthma Network
Alliance for Patient Access- CA Chapter
ALS Association
Alzheimer's San Diego
American Behçet's Disease Association
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, California
Arthritis Foundation
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association of Northern California Oncologists
Autoimmune Association
Axis Advocacy
Breathe Southern California
California Access Coalition
California Association of Physician Assistants (CAPA)
California Black Health Network
California Chronic Care Coalition
California Health Collaborative
California Medical Association
California Pharmacists Association
California Rheumatology Alliance
California Society of Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery
California Urological Association
Cancer Support Community Los Angeles
Cancer Support Community San Francisco Bay Area
Carrie's Touch
Central California Hemophilia Foundation
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations
Children's Specialty Care Coalition
Chronic Care Policy Alliance (CCPA)
Chronic Disease Coalition
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute
Derma Care Access Network
EB Research Partnership
Emphysema Foundation of America
EveryLife Foundation
Gaucher Community Alliance
Global Healthy Living Foundation
Hemophilia Council of California
Hemophilia Federation of America
Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
Immune Deficiency Foundation
International Cancer Advocacy Network
Infusion Access Foundation
International Pain Foundation
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LatinX Physicians of California
Liver Coalition of San Diego
Looms for Lupus
Lung Cancer Foundation of America
LUNGevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Male Lupus Warriors Corp
Medical Oncology Association of Southern California, Inc.
Mental Health America, California
National Association of Social Workers
National Bleeding Disorders Foundation
National Infusion Center Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
California Chapter National Eczema Association
National Psoriasis Foundation
Neuropathy Action Foundation
Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California
Ovarian Cancer Coalition of Greater California
Partnership to Advance Cardiovascular Health
People with Empathy
San Francisco Cancer Women's Network
San Francisco Hep B Free
Spondylitis Association of America
Stanford Copay Coalition
Support Fibromyalgia
Susan G. Komen
The Defeating Epilepsy Foundation
The Headache and Migraine Policy Forum
The Hemophilia Foundation of Northern California
The Latino Cancer Institute
The Pink Fund
The Wall Las Memorias
Veteran Voices for Fibromyalgia
We Win Foundation