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RE: SB 1213 / SB 1178

Dear Honorable Chair Carter, Vice Chair Nicola, Members of the Missouri Senate Families, Seniors, and Health Committee, and your well respected staff,

Community Access National Network (CANN) respectfully submits written **Support** of **SB 1213 / SB 1178** which would enhance transparency and accountability in the operation of the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program in Missouri. The legislation is designed to ensure the program appropriately serves patients, particularly those living with HIV and other chronic health conditions.

ABOUT CANN: The Community Access National Network (CANN) is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit organization (formerly incorporated under the "Ryan White CARE Act Title II Community AIDS National Network") focusing on public policy issues relating to HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis. CANN's mission is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and supports for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or viral hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking. CANN's coalition-based work is done on behalf of the patient advocacy groups, pharmaceutical partners, and government agencies.

SB 1213 / SB 1178 supports the well recognized need for transparency and accountability for hospitals utilizing the 340B Program. Transparency is essential to ensuring that the program continues to meet that original intent and that patients—particularly those with chronic and complex conditions—are meaningfully benefiting from the savings generated under 340B.

Numerous Reports Highlight 340B's Problems

The flaws in the current state of the 340B program are well documented. In the recent [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\) report](#), the agency identified how the program incentivized behaviors such as hospital and clinic consolidation that have led to the rapid growth of the program, and its impact on federal (and state) budgets.

SB 1213 / SB 1178 represents a thoughtful and measured approaches to transparency. By improving reporting and visibility into how 340B savings are generated and used, the bill helps policymakers, patients, and stakeholders better understand whether program benefits are reaching those who need them most.

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Based on written responses [in a recent report from Chairman Bill Cassidy of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee \(HELP\)](#) and the accompanying documents produced pursuant to Chairman Cassidy's investigation, BSMH and Cleveland Clinic each generated hundreds of millions of dollars in 340B savings and revenue from the 340B Program between 2018 and 2023. In responses to Chairman Cassidy's letter, both BSMH and Cleveland Clinic explained that it "does not directly pass on all savings generated from the 340B Program to patients in the form of savings on health care expenses."

Diversion of program benefit from needy communities and into wealthier communities is only further enabled without sufficient transparency guardrails. Unchecked, the 340B has encouraged consolidation, community pharmacy closures, harms rural access, and in an extraordinary example of abuse, [been the driving financing force in mismanaged housing programs that have left patients dead](#).

Importantly, **SB 1213 / SB 1178** ensures that the public has access to this information. This commonsense transparency will allow policymakers, stakeholders, and the public to better assess the program's impact, prevent misuse, and ensure that 340B savings are being used to advance patient care and health equity—not diverted elsewhere.

Transparency should not be viewed as a threat, but rather as a necessary tool to preserve and strengthen the integrity of the 340B Program. **SB 1213 / SB 1178** strikes the right balance between supporting safety-net providers and establishing appropriate public oversight.

To be clear, CANN supports a strong 340B program. When 340B operates the way it is intended, safety-net providers thrive and vulnerable Missourians, their families, and communities gain access to healthcare they might otherwise not have.

We would be happy to discuss this legislation or any other matters of public health, please feel free to reach out by email or phone at kalvin@tiicann.org, 913-954-8816, or jen@tiicann.org, 313-333-8534.

Warmly in service,



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