



Prescription Drug Affordability Boards

WHAT PATIENTS NEED FROM POLICYMAKERS



POLICYMAKERS OFTEN DISCUSS MAKING MEDICATION MORE AFFORDABLE.

Yet some approaches—like prescription drug affordability boards—can actually end up hurting patients.



INSTEAD OF SAVING PATIENTS MONEY, THESE BOARDS CAN UNINTENTIONALLY:



Increase costs



Prevent patients from reaching their deductible



Reduce patient choices

Patients need policymakers to:



LISTEN TO PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS.

Discussions about medication value and access must include those who are affected.

ACCOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DIFFERENCES.

One-size-fits-all metrics discriminate against older patients and people with disabilities.



EXPLORE ALL OPTIONS.

Addressing related factors can help lower prices without limiting access.

No conversation about health policy is complete

WITHOUT PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS.

