

To: Members, House Health Policy Committee
From: Adam Carlson, Senior Director of Government and Political Affairs
Date: July 22, 2020
Re: House Bill 5942
Position: Support

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association supports House Bill (HB) 5942, sponsored by Rep. Bronna Kahle (R-Madison). This bill would prohibit a pharmacy or pharmacist from entering into a contract with a pharmacy benefit manager that interferes with a patient's ability to receive 340B eligible prescriptions.

The 340B Program is instrumental in providing support for providers who serve Michigan's vulnerable, low-income and underinsured populations. By providing outpatient pharmaceuticals at significantly reduced prices, covered entities, like hospitals, are able to reach more patients in need and provide more comprehensive services. HB 5942 ensures the protection of a patient's ability to participate in the 340B program, providing an extra layer of protection that a patient can receive their needed medication without outside factors interfering.

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