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LD 627

LD 627 would mandate coverage of GLP-1's when prescribed for weight loss under commercial health insurance while capping member cost sharing at \$35 per month. If adopted, the bill will increase pharmacy spend and have a corresponding impact on health insurance premiums.

I ask that you vote this bill down.

This should be left up to the individual employer to see if that is something that they want to allow in their plan.

Insurance is already too high and adding this expensive drug to it for weight loss - and having every one of your employees have to bear the cost is too much.

I would argue that if a mandate is passed, it should require carriers to offer the coverage as an option with appropriate increased cost. That would enable the employer to decide what is best for their organization.

I currently have an organization that only has 11 employees - we are getting hurt because we have small numbers, have several older employees who skew the mix the wrong way, and have insurance premiums with high deductible and copays. This is already hitting our blue collar workers hard - so adding this drug to the plan and capping the copay will just make prices go even higher. What is worse this will get added across the board - and even if you no one in your organization taking this drug your premiums will be higher.

Please do not pass this bill.