

February 15, 2022

Senator Heather Sanborn, Chair  
Representative Denise Tepler, Chair  
Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

**RE: Testimony in support of LD 1938, An Act to Prohibit Discriminatory Practices Related to the 340B Drug Pricing Program**

Dear Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler and members of the Health Coverage and Financial Services Committee:

My name is Frank McGrady and have been a registered practicing pharmacist in Maine for over 30 years. I am a resident of Brewer, the Director of Pharmacy at Penobscot Community Health Care (PCHC) in Bangor, and a Board Member of the Maine Society of Health System Pharmacists and Maine Pharmacy Association. Today I am submitting testimony on behalf of myself to represent my experience with patients in need of the scarce federal dollars provided by the pharmaceutical industry to 340B programs that provide extremely important services to many Mainers. **I am testifying today in support of LD 1938.**

For over 30 years the 340B programs have been supporting many 'at-risk' people in the state of Maine that would otherwise go without many types of healthcare including:

- Healthcare in General: services provided by our state's safety net providers are of low to no cost to the patients
- Programs to support Mainers in signing up for affordable insurance programs
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Pediatric Care
- Dental Services
- Mental Health Treatment
- Geriatric Health and Support Services
- Discounted Medications
- Homeless Care and Treatment
- There are even more ....

PCHC is an example of a HRSA granted Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) system that is able to utilize 340B savings to provide all of the services listed above. This FQHC, which is the largest in Maine, would not be able to provide all of these services to the patients its serves without the 340B savings. There are many more FQHC's and healthcare organizations, including hospitals, which provide this safety net of health care services only by the ability to utilize 340B savings. These safety net programs reduce the stress on the Maine overall budget and on the health and wellness on our Maine people that would otherwise not receive needed healthcare services.

The 340B program is under attack from the pharmaceutical industry, Insurance Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM's), and predatory contracts that all seek to gain a portion of the 340B savings for themselves. The 340B savings are shrinking or potentially being taken away from organizations that are providing necessary services for Maine people.

Please support this bill and begin the process of putting the 340B savings in the hands of organizations that have been and will help Maine people

Thank you and I am happy to answer any questions you may have or attend and further meetings.



Frank R. McGrady