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Missouri House Passes HB 2267, Protecting Access to Clinician-Administered Drugs

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – In an effort to ensure quality affordable healthcare across the Show-Me State, the Missouri House of Representatives has approved HB 2267, which looks to safeguard access to vital clinician-administered drugs. The bill, sponsored by Representative Tara Peters, passed with bipartisan support, marking a significant step forward in healthcare policy for the state.

HB 2267 prohibits health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers from imposing penalties or limitations on providers, patients, or pharmacies for providing or receiving clinician-administered drugs, regardless of their source. Furthermore, the bill bars discrimination against covered entities or pharmacies participating in the 340B drug pricing program, ensuring equitable access to affordable medications. The legislation also mandates coverage for both reference and biosimilar products, expanding treatment options for Missourians.

HB 2267 focuses on safeguarding several crucial aspects: ensuring access to healthcare for patients, preserving the viability of rural hospitals and federally qualified health centers, and safeguarding Missouri's financial resources," Peters, R-Rolla, said. "The 340B program facilitates access to discounted pharmaceutical prices for eligible hospitals and qualified health centers serving a significant number of low-income patients, including those in rural areas. This bill aims to retain resources within local communities rather than channeling funds out of state to benefit large health insurance companies and pharmaceutical corporations. In essence, HB 2267 prioritizes the well-being of Missouri residents by ensuring access to affordable healthcare."

House Speaker Dean Plocher commended the collaborative efforts that led to the bill's success: "The passage of HB 2267 is a testament to the dedication of our legislators to address pressing healthcare issues facing our citizens. This legislation will have a profound impact on improving access to essential medications for Missourians, and I applaud Representative Peters for her leadership on this important issue."

HB 2267 now moves to the Missouri Senate for consideration.

Representative Tara Peters, a Republican, represents Phelps County (District 122) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first term in November 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Peters' office at 573-751-1446 or by email at Tara.Peters@House.Mo.Gov.

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