PROTECTING PATIENTS

The Florida All Copays Count Alliance (FLACCA) works to protect access to prescription drugs for patients by ensuring copay assistance from manufacturers is applied to patient cost-sharing requirements.

Many patients who are faced with copay accumulator programs can't afford the full cost of their medication or deductible without copay assistance. This leaves patients with no choice but to abandon their life saving prescriptions where there are no generic drugs available. A recent study found that when patient costs hit the $250 mark, over 70% of new patients leave the pharmacy without their prescription.*

Barriers to medication access must be eliminated. Four other states (Arizona, Illinois, Virginia, and West Virginia) have laws that require all third party assistance to count towards a patient's cost-sharing requirements. Florida now has an opportunity to be a leader in protecting patients' access to their medications.

*Study by IQVIA, An American multinational company serving the combined industries of health information technology and clinical research.
COPAY ACCUMULATOR PROGRAMS SHIFT DRUG COSTS TO PATIENTS. Insurers double-dip, collecting the money for cost-sharing from the third party assistance and also from the patient.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Advocates: Speak to your legislator about copay accumulator programs.
Organizations: If you are representing a community affected by copay accumulator programs, join FLACCA.
Patients: Share your personal story to help highlight the harm copay accumulator programs cause.
Legislators: Support legislation that bans copay accumulator programs.

To take any of these actions or for more information, contact FLACCAinfo@gmail.com

WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

The following organizations are represented:
- The AIDS Institute
- Arthritis Foundation
- Bleeding Disorders Coalition of Florida
- Epilepsy Association
- Lupus Foundation of America, Florida Chapter