

ABOUT WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY

The Wisconsin Association of Hematology and Oncology (WAHO) is the largest oncology professional organization in the state. WAHO comprises a powerful community of oncologists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, and other multidisciplinary care providers involved in the treatment of patients with cancer.



Our members receive valuable educational content and innovative resources designed to keep them ahead of the local and national challenges and trends directly impacting the high-quality care their patients deserve. We collaborate with internal and external organizations to support our mission of improving patient outcomes and the treatment of cancer in the State of Wisconsin.

Please Support

Senate Bill 737 | Assembly Bill 773:

- Background:
 - Co-pay accumulators are programs within an insurance plan whereby a manufacturer's co-pay assistance payment does not count toward the patient's deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.
 - Patients with co-pay accumulator programs will likely experience significantly increased out-of-pocket costs at the end of their plan year and may be unable to afford necessary medication.
- Why it Matters:
 - The Wisconsin Association of Hematology and Oncology supports SB 737 | AB 773.
 - SB 737 | AB 773 takes steps to protect patients from harmful PBM practices including regulating copay accumulator programs, removing gag clauses in PBM contracts, prohibiting steering patients to exclusively PBM-owned pharmacies, and placing guardrails around PBM-specific provider credentialing.

Assembly Bill 117 | Senate Bill 121:

- Background:
 - 2017 Wisconsin Act 201 was passed in April 2018, requiring facilities that provide mammograms to notify certain patients of their breast density.
 - Out-of-pocket costs for additional imaging can range from \$234 to over \$1,000, creating a significant cost barrier that deters patients from receiving timely and critical care.
 - Additional imaging measures, such as ultrasound, are a continuation of the preventative imaging process, an existing benefit provided to receive a critical early diagnosis.
- Why it Matters:
 - The Wisconsin Association of Hematology and Oncology supports AB 117 | SB 121.
 - AB 117 | SB 121 build on 2017 WI Act 201 by providing access to supplemental and diagnostic imaging for those with dense breast tissue and those at increased risk of breast cancer with no patient cost-sharing.
 - AB 117 | SB 121 ensure that those at greatest risk of breast cancer can receive critical treatment to catch cancer early and save lives.

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