



RAAP JOINS UTAH ALL COPAYS COUNT COALITION Opposes Copay Accumulator Adjustments

Washington, D.C. (2-10-2022) – The Rare Access Action Project (RAAP), joined with the Utah All Copays Count Coalition in signing a letter asking the Utah Senate Business and Labor Committee to support S-139, which ensures patients will continue to have access to their needed medications and stay on their prescribed treatment regimen by ending the practice of Copay Accumulator Adjustment Programs utilized by some insurers in the private market.

Mike Eging, Executive Director of RAAP stated, “in the commercial health insurance market, patients are facing higher cost-sharing due to an increase in unpredictable deductibles because of accumulator adjustment programs. Third-party cost-sharing programs, such as copay coupons from manufacturers, have historically helped lower patient out-of-pocket costs by applying those coupons toward the patient’s deductible. Unfortunately, the adoption of accumulator adjustment programs have started to block those manufacturer coupons from counting towards deductibles and therefore increases the amount patients must first pay to reach their deductible.”

Currently, Utah does not have a law to ensure that health insurers count co-payment assistance towards a patient’s cost-sharing requirement.

“RAAP is very happy to sign onto this letter in support of Utah S-139. The financial hardship that patients face is difficult enough without being made even worse by accumulator adjustment copays. Preventing copay assistance from applying to a person’s deductible means it takes them even longer to reach the end of the deductible period,” said Eging.

In addition to joining the Utah All Copays Count Coalition and signing onto the support letter, Mac Haddow, RAAP’s Policy Director testified in front of the Utah Senate Business and Labor Committee on behalf of RAAP and in support of S-139 and in opposition to Accumulator Adjustment Programs.

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