

# SUPPORT ALL COPAYS COUNT LEGISLATION TO PUT WISCONSIN PATIENTS FIRST

## PATIENTS RELY ON COPAY ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS THEIR MEDICATIONS



- ✓ Patients in Wisconsin use copay assistance from manufacturers and nonprofits to afford their prescribed medications and manage their health.
- ✓ Many patients who use copay assistance have no generic alternatives available for their treatment.<sup>1</sup>

## HARMFUL POLICIES ALLOW PLANS TO PROFIT AT THE EXPENSE OF PATIENTS



- ✓ 8 out of 13 of health plans in Wisconsin have policies that don't count the value of copay assistance toward patient costs.<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Sometimes referred to as “copay accumulators,” these policies increase patient costs and allow insurers to increase profits.

## ALL COPAYS COUNT LEGISLATION WOULD PUT PATIENTS FIRST



- ✓ Legislation would ensure out-of-pocket payments made by or on behalf of patients count toward their cost-sharing requirements.
- ✓ Legislation would ensure cost-sharing for any covered item or service within one of the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) categories of the Affordable Care Act counts toward cost-sharing requirements.

## STATES ARE TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE COPAY ASSISTANCE COUNTS FOR PATIENTS



- ✓ 16 states and Puerto Rico have already taken action to ensure copay assistance counts towards patient out-of-pocket costs.
- ✓ 60% of surveyed patients and caregivers say they would have difficulty affording medications without copay assistance.<sup>3</sup>

**WISCONSIN ADVOCATES URGE LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT ALL COPAYS COUNT LEGISLATION TO PUT PATIENTS FIRST.**



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More than 40 Wisconsin-based and national organizations that make up the *Wisconsin All Copays Count Coalition* support legislation to ensure copay assistance COUNTS for patients.

