

VOTE YES - HB 1473

- **STOP BIG PHARMA** from side-stepping federal rules that require certain discounted drugs be provided to eligible health care entities and patients in North Dakota.
- Support your local community health centers, federally qualified health centers, non-profit hospitals, contract pharmacies and local communities.
- Drug manufacturers admit the vast majority of their issues (close to 90%) are with PBM owned pharmacies and large chain pharmacies...but yet they place blanket restrictions on a small rural state like North Dakota. We are not like Chicago, New York or Seattle.
- From 2012-2020, The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services undertook several regulatory actions to strengthen program compliance and integrity within the federal 340B program.
- Audits by HRSA take place with one recent one being conducted on Altru Hospital and they testified to no compliance issues and passed the audit.
- Drug manufacturers can request an audit of the entities as well under the program.
- 8 other states have already passed similar laws and 10 more states have introduced legislation this session similar to ND.
- Big Pharma lost their legal challenge in the 8th Circuit and the SCOTUS declined big pharma's appeal regarding a similar law in Arkansas. As a reminder, the 8th Circuit of Appeals covers ND as well.
- **HB 1473 DOES NOT EXPAND the 340B program!** It actually requires the drug manufacturers to comply with how the federal program is supposed to operate.

- South Dakota overwhelmingly just passed a very similar bill this month (March 2025) and it is headed to the Governor's office for signature. Very few members of the SD Legislature opposed the bill they just passed.
- Big Pharma has been trying to impose multiple layers of amendments to HB 1473. The ND House rejected those amendments. As providers under 340B, we have a ton of federal regulations and are subject to audits not only by HRSA but drug manufacturers can also audit providers in the program. We all know how federal requirements work...providers already dedicate a lot of time to compliance and integrity processes under the 340B program.

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