

How to Prepare a One-Sheet on Another Legislative Priority

Develop or adapt a one page fact sheet to deliver your message:

- ▶ Keep the fact sheet brief—no more than one side of one page
 - If the bill has co-sponsors or supporters, you can list them on the back
- ▶ Present the information in clear, concise bullet points
- ▶ Include the following:
 - A brief statement explaining your organization (if you represent one)
 - A brief summary of what the piece of legislation is and what it will do for you/your state/your community/your group
 - What your Member of Congress can do
 - The “Ask”



How to Prepare a One-Sheet: Example



HR 460, Patients' Access to Treatments Act

Under many private insurance plans, patients with rare diseases continue to pay extremely high out-of-pocket costs because their prescribed medication is often placed on a "specialty tier." Specialty tiers allow plans to impose high coinsurance, in lieu of a co-payment, for expensive drugs, resulting in higher out-of-pocket spending for patients. Not only does this place a financial burden on patients, but it has also been shown to discourage adherence to treatment, which can increase overall costs to the healthcare system.

Please join Rep. McKinley and nearly 90 bi-partisan Members in co-sponsoring HR 460, the Patients' Access to Treatments Act, to ensure patients with rare diseases have access to affordable treatments.

Rare Disease Legislative Advocates (RDLA) is a collaborative organization designed to support the advocacy of all rare disease groups. RDLA works to empower the individual to become an advocate by providing informational meetings, legislative resources, advocacy tools, and special events that support organizations and advocates working to promote rare disease legislation. RDLA's objective is to grow the patient advocacy community and work collectively to ensure that the many voices of patients with rare diseases have an opportunity to be heard on Capitol Hill.

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HR 460, the Patients' Access to Treatments Act, would require plans to limit cost-sharing requirements for specialty drug tiers to the level of cost sharing required for non-preferred brand drug tiers.

Insurers would be able to charge no more than 10% more for specialty drugs over what is charged for the next lowest tier (non-preferred brand). For example, if an insurer is currently charging \$30 for non-specialty tier brand drugs, HR 460 would require the insurer to charge no more than \$33 for specialty drugs.

Avalere Health, an independent healthcare advisory firm, conducted a study analyzing the cost impact of HR 460 and determined that there would be a negligible impact. **Insurance premiums would increase by only \$3 per year on 14% of commercial insurance plans** (absent to any other changes to the average benefit design). The study also offered alternate benefit design scenarios which could completely negate any premium impact (e.g. increase generics by \$0.50).

Studies show that when patients have to pay \$100 or less for their prescriptions, they are more likely to follow their treatment regimens. Patients on therapies are able to live longer have more productive lives.

Ensuring access will decrease the financial burden on patients and will continue to incentivize investments in the next generation of rare disease therapies and cures. Please consider co-sponsoring HR 460 to ensure rare disease patients have access to affordable life-saving treatments.



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The problem

The ask

Info about you and/or your organization

How this bill would solve the problem listed at the beginning