

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

In connection with the study required by Chapter 363 of the Acts of 2018, the Health Policy Commission (HPC) will hold a public listening session regarding the impact of coupons, discounts, and other product vouchers for prescription drugs on pharmaceutical spending and health care costs in Massachusetts.

Scheduled listening session date and location:

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 10:00 AM
Health Policy Commission
50 Milk Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

All interested parties are invited to present testimony at the listening session which will focus on the following questions:

- How widespread is the use of prescription drug coupons or product vouchers in Massachusetts?
 - For what types of prescription drugs are coupons most frequently redeemed?
- How do prescription drug coupons impact utilization of generic drugs and across therapeutically-equivalent brand name drugs?
- How do prescription drug coupons impact patients' access to innovative therapies and adherence to prescribed drugs?
- What is the cost impact on consumers from the expiration of coupons?
- What is the impact of prescription drug coupons on Massachusetts' health care cost containment goals and health insurance premiums?

The HPC encourages all interested parties to submit testimony and comments in writing to the following address: HPC-Testimony@mass.gov. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Parties who are unable to submit electronic comments should mail submissions to Lois Johnson, General Counsel, 50 Milk Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. **All testimony and comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 24, 2019.**

All written comments submitted to the HPC may be posted on the HPC's website and released in response to a request for public records.

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