

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
CSG GOVERNING BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION ON
THE PATIENT PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, Prescription drugs are an integral part of modern medical care, making it possible for Americans to lead longer, healthier and more productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Millions of low-income uninsured, elderly and disabled Americans do not have prescription drug coverage; and

WHEREAS, Pharmaceutical assistance programs can make a significant difference in the financial and physical health of the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, Pharmaceutical companies have voluntarily developed various kinds of patient pharmaceutical assistance programs that help low-income individuals access the drugs they need, however, each company has a separate application process and differing eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, Some patients may have difficulty completing and submitting multiple forms to access this assistance; and

WHEREAS, Federal anti-trust laws hamper pharmaceutical companies from collaborating to create a common application for patient pharmaceutical assistance; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Council of State Governments calls on the Federal government to allow pharmaceutical companies to collaborate to create a universal application form for patient prescription drug assistance programs.

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