

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposal to cap outpatient drugs at 120% of the average sales price. The prices charged by Vermont hospitals for these essential treatments for cancer, Crohn's disease, and other conditions are among the highest in the country and are driving the affordability crisis in our health care system.

Vermont school districts, school employees and taxpayers, cannot pay these exorbitant prices that have contributed to the surging costs and outrageous premiums for health care coverage in our state. Please vote to include this language in H.266 and cap the excessive mark-ups on these medications.

Thank you,
Laura Ortiz