



Chair Lyons and Members of the Committee,

As Vermont's only nonprofit health insurer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont is committed to working alongside state leaders to identify solutions that improve affordability and access to care.

We know Vermonters are frustrated by the rising cost of health care. Prescription drug costs are a significant driver of that frustration, now accounting for nearly a quarter of every premium dollar. These costs continue to rise at unsustainable rates, forcing families to make difficult decisions that affect both their financial stability and their health.

ArrayRx represents a meaningful and immediate opportunity to address this challenge. By leveraging the collective purchasing power of Vermont and other participating states, the program creates a clear and accessible pathway to more affordable medications for Vermonters.

As we have heard, when people can more easily afford and access the medications they need, we see better health outcomes and reduced pressure on the broader health care system.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Treasurer and his team on this initiative, and we look forward to continuing to partner to move this work forward.

This effort reflects what is possible when we take a collaborative approach to solving complex challenges by bringing forward practical solutions that help ensure every Vermonter can access the care they need, when they need it, at a price they can afford.

Thank you,

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