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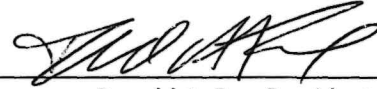
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**Burrillville Town Council
Resolution No. 25-11
in support of
House Bill 2025 - H 5634 and Senate Bill 2025 – S 0114
Defending Affordable Prescription Drug Costs Act**

- WHEREAS, the 340B program is a federal program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide discounts to health care organizations servicing low income and/or uninsured patients. Drug manufacturers must participate in the 340B program in order to participate in the Medicaid and Medicare programs; and
- WHEREAS, for close to 30 years the 340B program reliably provided much needed revenue to the eight federally qualified health centers and qualifying hospitals in Rhode Island; and
- WHEREAS, in approximately 2021 the drug manufacturers began restricting the number of pharmacies that health centers and hospitals could include in the 340B program; and
- WHEREAS, these pharmacy restrictions resulted in millions of dollars in lost revenue to both health centers and hospitals; and
- WHEREAS, the lost revenue resulted in health centers and hospitals to eliminate positions, reduce hours, close a satellite location and implement hiring freezes; and
- WHEREAS, in 2021 Arkansas enacted legislation that prohibits drug manufacturers from imposing restrictions or limitations on the use of contract pharmacies in the 340B program; and
- WHEREAS, in 2022 Louisiana enacted legislation that prohibits drug manufacturers from imposing restrictions or limitations on the use of contract pharmacies in the 340B program; and
- WHEREAS, the Arkansas and Louisiana legislation has survived legal challenges from the drug manufacturers; and
- WHEREAS, seven drug manufacturers announced they will relax or rescind contract pharmacy restrictions in Arkansas and Louisiana in mid to late 2023; and
- WHEREAS, twenty-five states have proposed legislation similar to the laws passed and upheld in Arkansas and Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 Rhode Island residents receive their health care at one of the eight federally qualified health centers; and
- WHEREAS, House Bill 2025 – H 5634 and Senate Bill 2025 – S 0114 do not impact state spending; they do impact the ability of Rhode Islanders to obtain medical care.


BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville both supports and endorses the adoption of House Bill 2025 – H 5634 and Senate Bill 2025 – S 0114 and requests each City and Town to notify their legislative delegation to support adoption of these bills.

Adopted this 9th day of April 2025.



Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:


Vicki Martin, Town Clerk