



Minnesota Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Patient Listening Session

October 30, 2025

What is the PDAB?

- ▶ Created by the MN legislature in 2023
- ▶ Charged with reviewing prices of certain prescription drugs to determine if they create an affordability challenge for the state health care system or for patients
- ▶ Has authority to set upper payment limits (UPLs) for drugs found to create an affordability challenge
- ▶ Nine-member board
 - ▶ Seven voting members appointed by Governor Walz
 - ▶ Two nonvoting members appointed by the legislature
- ▶ Statute requires board members to have knowledge and demonstrated expertise in pharmaceutical economics and finance or health care economics and finance

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PDAB's Work

LIST OF DRUGS	DRUG SELECTION	COST REVIEW	SET UPL?
Develop list of drugs for potential cost review based on criteria in statute	Select subset of drug list for cost review <i>based on statutory requirements</i> <i>Statute directs PDAB to consider requests from the public to review specific drugs from the list</i>	Review selected drugs to determine if they pose an affordability challenge for state health care system or patients	If a drug poses an affordability challenge, Board can determine whether to set an Upper Payment Limit (UPL)

PDAB wants and needs broad public input to effectively do its work

- ▶ Board meets at least 4 times a year and provides opportunity for public comments at each meeting.
- ▶ Website include link for public comments at anytime.
- ▶ PDAB will hold regular patient listening sessions both in-person and virtual, both daytime and evenings
- ▶ PDAB board will actively consider input from these sessions as it does its work

Today's Session



Please state your name.



Are you are speaking on your own behalf or for an organization?



What drug affordability challenges do you face?



Are specific drugs unaffordable for you?



Do you have comments or suggestions for the PDAB's work?



Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less.

Thank you for attending

Information on how to participate in future PDAB meetings and patient listening sessions or to submit comments can be found at:

[Prescription Drug Affordability Board / Minnesota Department of Commerce - Insurance](#)

Questions?

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