

NO on SB 958

SB 958, sponsored by California hospitals, makes it even easier for them to markup the cost they charge patients for critical medications, causing higher health care premiums for all Californians.

Groups Opposed to SB 958:



California Association of
Health Plans



When hospitals markup drug costs, the cost of health care increases for all.

Los Angeles Times

“...One common aspect of all U.S. hospitals is a desire to keep their pricing under wraps, to prevent patients from knowing how badly they and their insurers are being fleeced.”

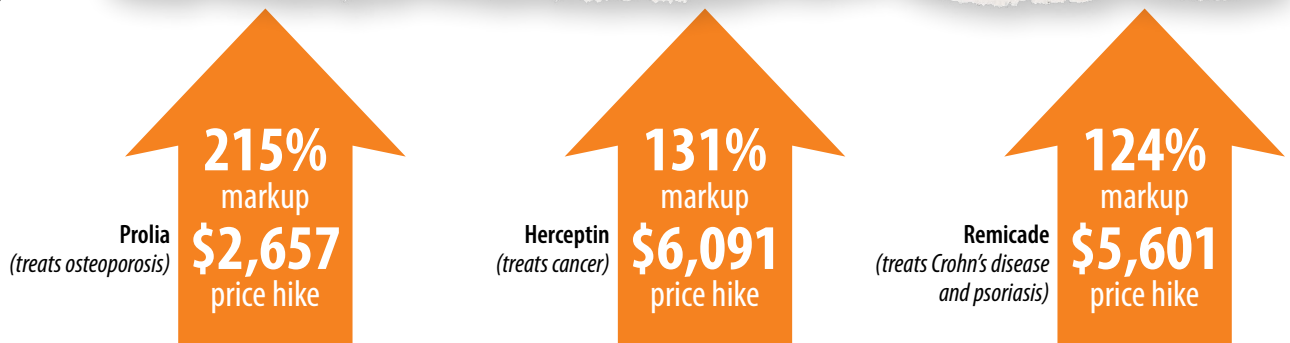
Column: Leaked SoCal Hospital Records Reveal Huge, Automated Markups For Healthcare

David Lazarus, December 10, 2021

A recent study found that hospitals markup drug costs by an average of

108%.

Check out these hospital bill markups!



SB 958 hinders efficient, cost saving practices that have long been utilized to best serve patients.

Specialty pharmacies help to lower the cost of life saving medications.

- SB 958 limits health plans' ability to utilize specialty pharmacies to best deliver care and lower drug costs for patients. Protects hospitals' ability to overcharge patients for these same medications.
- Health plans work with specialty pharmacies to provide patients affordable access to the same critical medications they would receive from the hospital, at a fraction of the cost.
- Specialty pharmacies, on average, fill these prescriptions in less than 3.5 days, dispense 99.98% of prescriptions with no errors, and distribute 99.96% of prescriptions with no errors. ([Source](#))

About Specialty Pharmacies

- Safe and Efficient
- Maintain Medication Integrity
- Implement the same processes as hospitals to acquire and deliver medications.
- Medications are regularly shipped with enough additional supply that may be medically necessary to make sure physicians can adjust the dose as needed, and patients are not charged for any drugs that are not administered.
- Work closely with hospitals to deliver seamless care while saving patients thousands of dollars.

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