

House Health & Human Services

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HB24-1115 Prescription Drug Label Accessibility

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Julia Zanon For themselves	As a blind senior citizen and native of Denver who lives alone, my ability to care for myself independently includes the ability to quickly, accurately and easily identify my prescription medications. This bill is needed to ensure that pharmacy owners and employees are educated and prepared to provide accessible prescription labels when needed. Thank you for your consideration and support.
Ben Burnett For themselves	<p>Madame Daugherty and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,</p> <p>My name is Ben Burnett and I am a family medicine resident practicing in Denver. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians in support of House Bill 1115.</p> <p>As a practicing primary care physician, I see Coloradans struggling to understand and manage their medications on a daily basis. When patients make errors administering medications, the consequences are often serious.</p> <p>These challenges are amplified for the visually impaired, who, often due to age or other comorbidities, are on complex medication regimens. Requiring pharmacies to provide patients with different forms of accessible prescription drug labels is an important step towards improving medication adherence and reducing medication errors in this patient population.</p> <p>I thank the committee for their consideration of my testimony and urge a yes vote on House Bill 1115.</p> <p>Ben Burnett, MD Denver, CO</p>



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Health bill re prescription drug labeling

This is a safety issue for me. I am blind. I was prescribed a drug that initially required me to take one 10 mg. tab daily for the first two weeks then increase to two 10 mg. tabs/ daily thereafter. For a full year, the drug was prescribed in 10 mg. tabs; after one year, the dose was changed to 20mg. but I was not informed. I continued taking two tabs daily thinking they were 10 mg. when in fact I was taking two 20mg. tabs. Naturally, I ran out of the med halfway through the month. Fortunately, it was not a drug that I could have over-dosed on (but it could have been). It took multiple calls to the pharmacy, doctor and insurance company to straighten things out. At first, I wasn't allowed to refill the med early which would have meant after double dosing for two weeks going without any med at all for two weeks. The pharmacist flagged my file to alert technicians to review labels with me moving forward, but that usually doesn't happen. An electronic label reader would insure my safety and privacy-some pharmacies provide this now but not mine (Walgreens).

Thank you for your consideration,
Marcia Wick

P.S. FYI The online link to submit comments to the state in writing was not accessible with my screen reader.