



March 23, 2026

The Honorable Steve Wilson
Ohio Senate, 7th District
Ohio Statehouse 1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Wilson,

We write today to strongly urge your support for S.B. 207. The latest Warren County Community Health Assessment identifies cost as one of the biggest barriers to care—directly undermining medication adherence, continuity of care, and chronic disease management, all of which are already high priority concerns across Ohio.

Medication assistance programs, including copay financial support, are among the few tools that help Ohio families manage rising out of pocket costs.

Insurance company practices which prohibit copay financial assistance from counting towards a patient’s out-of-pocket cost obligations shifts more financial burden onto the people least able to bear it. This directly contradicts the priorities outlined in both the [Ohio State Health Improvement Plan](#) and the [Warren County Community Health Improvement Plan](#), which emphasize improving access to care, reducing unmet medical needs due to cost, and preventing avoidable hospitalizations and chronic disease complications, which ultimately create higher healthcare costs for everyone.

The AIDS Institute’s [2026 State Grade Sheet for Ohio](#) reinforces these concerns, giving Ohio an “F” due to the widespread use of copay accumulator adjustment policies in 10 of 11 marketplace health plans. The report makes clear that these practices harm patients and highlights the urgent need for legislative action to protect Ohioans from such cost shifting measures.

S.B. 207 doesn’t require coverage of any particular prescription drug, but it does protect one of the few patient centered supports that help Ohioans access the treatments they rely on. It aligns with state and local health priorities and ensures patients are not left defenseless in a complex system.

For these reasons, we respectfully and urgently ask you to support S.B. 207, protecting patient access to essential medications.

Sincerely,

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| ALS Association | Equitas Health | Ohio Pharmacists Association |
| American Diabetes Association | Healthcare Leaders Association of Miami Valley | Ohio Hematology Oncology Society |
| Arthritis Foundation | HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute | Ohio Life Sciences |
| Association for Clinical Oncology | Infusion Access Foundation | Spondylitis Association of America |
| BDSRA Foundation | Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc. | The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio |
| Chronic Care Policy Alliance | National Alliance on Mental Illness – Ohio | US Hereditary Angioedema Association |
| Chronic Disease Coalition | | |