

**Meeting of the
Connecticut Health Care Cabinet Work Group
on Pharmaceutical Drug Cost Determination and Cost Containment
August 29, 2017
11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

Via ZOOM Meeting

Join from PC: <https://zoom.us/j/301307561>

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AGENDA

Meeting Goals:

- To understand the various supply chain transparency issues as they differ from Pharma transparency.
- To begin clarifying where states are intervening to achieve greater transparency.
- To begin identifying possible data needs to inform future recommendations.

1. Supply Chain Transparency: How does the State Employee Health Plan supply chain work? How are costs added throughout the supply chain by stakeholders such as the Pharmacy Benefit Managers? [Josh Wojcik and Marghie Giuliano will anchor the discussion with some comments on these questions.]

See:

- a. *"Rx Pricing Along the Supply Chain"* slide by the Altarum Institute Value Care Hub (attached)
- b. *"The Prescription Drug Supply Chain 'Black Box': How it Works and Why You Should Care"* by Henry C. Eickelberg, for the American Health Policy Institute
http://www.americanhealthpolicy.org/Content/documents/resources/December%202015_AHPI%20Study_Understanding_the_Pharma_Black_Box.pdf

2. Pharma Transparency: What information are some states requiring or considering requiring of the pharmaceutical industry?

See:

- a. *Curbing Unfair Drug Prices, A Primer for States*
Yale University Global Health Justice Partnership Policy Paper, August 2017
<https://universalhealthct.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/curbing-unfair-drug-prices-policy-paper-080717.pdf> (especially pp.7-8, 14 -17)
- b. *States and the Rising Cost of Pharmaceuticals: A Call to Action*
National Academy for State Health Policy's Pharmacy Cost Work Group, October 2016
<http://nashp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Rx-Paper.pdf> (especially pp. 7-8)

3. Public Comment

4. Major Takeaways

5. Next steps