



Southwest Iowa Pharmacists Association

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We, the undersigned pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy students, strongly encourage Governor Vilsack to Veto HF 619. The legislation, if signed into law, will result in fewer pharmacies remaining in operation in Iowa. The consequences of the legislation would be increased prices for Iowa consumers and decreased access to care especially in Iowa's rural areas. In addition, we strongly encourage Governor Vilsack and the Iowa Legislature to direct the appropriate agency to once again pay Iowa pharmacies on a weekly basis for products and services rendered to Iowa Medicaid patients. The current practice of paying pharmacies twice a month has created serious cash flow problems for Iowa pharmacies. Again, the consequences of the current payment schedule will result in fewer pharmacies being able to operate in Iowa, which will result in increased prices for Iowa consumers and decreased access to health care.

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