

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, steps were taken to promote a more transparent healthcare system with the Physician Payments Sunshine Act (PPSA) which made financial exchanges between manufacturers and healthcare providers available to the public on the Open Payments database maintained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and

WHEREAS, despite the existence of this database, most patients are unaware it exists; and

WHEREAS, a 2019 analysis by Pro Publica found that on average, doctors who received payments from medical product manufacturers prescribed their drugs at a higher rate, 58 percent more, than doctors who did not; and

WHEREAS, a separate study concluded that the receipt of industry-sponsored meals was associated with an increased rate of prescribing the promoted brand-name medication relative to alternatives within the drug class; and

WHEREAS, although financial relationships between physicians and medical product manufacturers are common, they can also create potential conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, AB 1278 (Nazarian) would require doctors to provide each patient at the initial office visit, and annually thereafter, a written notice of the Open Payments database; and

WHEREAS, the bill seeks to empower patients to make better and more informed choices about the type of healthcare they receive;

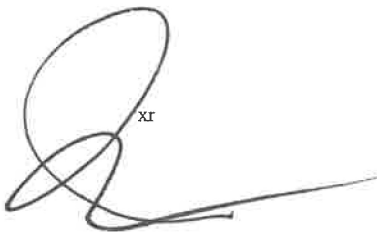
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1278 (Nazarian) which would require doctors to provide each patient at the initial office visit and annually thereafter, a written notice of the Open Payments database in order to empower patients to make better and informed healthcare choices.

PRESENTED BY:


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