

**HB-1659-HD-1**

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Support for Bill HB1659

The ability to provide customized strip packaging to patients taking multiple medications helps alleviate the burden that patients and/or caregivers experience when going through their medications. Without the customized strip packaging, patients who take multiple medications are required to go throughout the day sorting through their medication bottles trying to remember which medications to take at certain times or they sort through their medications by utilizing a pill box. When patients have to sort through multiple bottles, they are at a high risk of forgetting which medications they have already taken throughout the day, which can lead to overdosing on medications. When using a pill box, not only does this require dedicated time in sorting medications into the pill box, but patients may not be able to identify the pills in the pill boxes unless they know the color and shapes of each specific pills that they take. Customized strip packing will help ensure safe administration of medications, help with the identification of medications, and overall help decrease the time that patients and/or caregivers spend sorting through medication bottles.

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Ensuring patient safety is essential. With customized patient medication packaging, pharmacies can ensure a high level of safety and adherence for their patients. Each dose is conveniently packaged in a pouch and labeled with the NDC, drug name, strength, dosage, and date and time of administration so that patients can easily see when they should take the contents of each pouch. In my experience, prepackaged pills for multiple chronic conditions can be better for the patient and caregivers. One feedback I received was that the prepackaged medications saved them so much time! They used to take hours fitting the appropriate medications into the right time slot and day. Now they have more time to give to caring for their patients.

In summary I think you should support bill HB1659 because it will lead to improved compliance, simplicity for caregivers and patients and even may make it safer for the patient.

Please support the passage of HB1659.

Thank you.

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Patients with multiple chronic conditions or their caregivers have the daily burden of allocating their medications into their pill holders. Often, these medications are placed in their pill holder boxes based memory of tablet's color and shape. Changes to these routines are difficult to adjust to, can be confusing and may complicate medical treatment. That is why strip packaging can be beneficial to the patient. Medication packaging systems can ultimately lead to improved medication identification, safety, ease of dispensing, and ease of administration in long-term care facilities or at home with the patient or caregiver.

Based on feedback from patients and caregivers that have used strip packaging, they love the time it saves and feel it is much safer than allocating the pills themselves. The

time saved using strip packaging also has implications for quality of care and the movement towards person-centered care. Caregivers or nurses in nursing homes using strip packaging potentially have more time to devote to nurturing a relationship with the resident.

Please support the passage of HB1659.

Thank you.

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Hawaii's population is getting older and a greater emphasis has to be placed on care for our kupuna. Customized patient medication packaging, can help improve the lives of patients, their caregivers, nursing home nurses and staff. If you've ever had to manage the medications for your loved ones, you will understand how difficult it is to read the instructions and properly place the appropriate medications in the proper time slot of the pill holder. Then throw in a different colored pill when the manufacture changes and/or a change in dosing. Things can get very confusing. In my experience, prepackaged pills for multiple chronic conditions can be better for the patient and caregivers. First of all, it will save time, time that we can spend taking care of our loved one. I also trust the pharmacist to accurately place the proper medications in the proper dosage and time slots so to comply with the doctor's instructions. I would much prefer to check the

prepackage medication for accuracy than rely on myself or my parents. In other words, these prepackaged medications will save time and may be safer.

Please support the passage of HB1659.

Thank you.