



Iowa State Representative Bobby Kaufmann (District 73) recently introduced legislation (HF 349) that would allow patients to know what they are getting before signing up for a health plan. We need your help in getting this legislation passed!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **NOW (and until Sunday, March 1st):** Email Representative Kaufmann to say thank you and also email members of the Commerce Committee – where the bill will be debated and let them know:
 - You are a person with arthritis or a parent/sibling/caretaker or relative of a child with arthritis
 - Briefly tell your story
 - Describe what types of medication you/your child are on and the specialist that you see
 - There are more than 564,000 people in Iowa with doctor diagnosed arthritis including over 2,800 children
 - Discuss the importance of being able to find your doc/medicine in a health plan
 - You are supportive of this legislation - which allows patients to know what they are getting before signing up for a health plan and insure that they choose the plan that covers the prescription drugs and therapies they need
 - Contact Information for Representative Kaufmann and committee members found later in this email
- **On March 2nd:** Attend a public hearing on Monday, March 2nd at 11:30am
Commerce Hearing Details:
 - Date/Time: Monday, March 2nd at 11:30am
 - Location: Iowa State Capitol, 1007 East Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA, House Lounge – 2nd floor
 - Comments: May be submitted either orally or in writing

Quick Summary of HF 349:

- Iowans should have all the information they need when they purchase a plan to ensure they get their medications, treatments and care they need. HF 349 will offer transparency so they know what is covered before they buy the plan.

On Facebook or Twitter?

Be sure to ask friends and family to respond to this issue as well!

Twitter: @Arthritis_Iowa; @IowaHAN

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Commerce Committee Members – Contact Information

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If you plan to attend the hearing, please let Michele know by Sunday, March 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michele Guadalupe at mguadalupe@arthritis.org

ALL COMMENTS MUST BE EMAILED BY MARCH 1st