

October 9, 2023

Prescription Drug Affordability Board to hold first meeting October 20

On Friday, October 20, the Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) will meet at the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) in Olympia, Washington. The meeting will also be broadcast on Zoom.

Meeting details

- **Date:** Friday, October 20
- **Time:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Location:**
Washington State Health Care Authority
626 8th Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98501
Sue Crystal Conference Room

[Join Zoom meeting \(no registration required\)](#)

Live event captioning available

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What is PDAB?

PDAB is a five-member board tasked with the following duties:

- Identify drugs that may be subject to an affordability review
- Conduct affordability reviews on selected eligible drugs
- Determine whether a prescription drug is unaffordable for Washington consumers
- If a drug is found to be unaffordable, the Board may set an upper payment limit

Can I provide public comment or testimony?

Yes. Meetings are open to the public and your input is a crucial part of PDAB. Each Board meeting will have a designated time for public comment.

[Email PDAB to sign up for public comment](#). Written comments can be submitted by Wednesday, October 18.

If you would like to speak at the meeting, the committee chair will ask if there are any other stakeholders. Use the "raise hand" function in Zoom. You will be unmuted and asked to answer conflict-of-interest disclosure questions on the screen. You will have 3 minutes to speak after your introduction.

More information

- [Sign up for notifications about PDAB](#)
- [Visit the PDAB webpage](#)
- [Email PDAB](#)

About the Health Care Authority (HCA)

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) is committed to whole-person care, integrating physical health and behavioral health services for better results and healthier residents.

HCA purchases health care for more than 2.5 million Washington residents through Apple Health (Medicaid), the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Program, the School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) Program, and the COFA Islander Health Care Program. As the largest health care purchaser in the state, we lead the effort to transform health care, helping ensure Washington residents have access to better health and better care at a lower cost.

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