



SCL Global Policy Initiative Statement on Proposed "Most Favored Nation" Drug Pricing Policy

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The Southern Christian Leadership Global Policy Initiative (SCL-GPI), a national advocacy organization dedicated to advancing social justice and health equity, issued the following statement from Executive Director [Kevin B. Kimble, Esq.](#) in response to the administration's consideration of a "most favored nation" (MFN) drug pricing model:

"The Southern Christian Leadership Global Policy Initiative is deeply alarmed by reports that a 'most favored nation' drug pricing model could be applied to Medicaid. This proposal would embed structural inequities into our healthcare system by limiting treatment options and importing discriminatory tools used abroad to deny care."

Medicaid is a cornerstone of health access in underserved communities, covering more than 70 million Americans, nearly [60%](#) of whom are people of color. For many families, it is the only dependable pathway to lifesaving treatment. The MFN model would tie U.S. drug prices to those in foreign countries, where government-imposed price caps and rigid cost-effectiveness formulas restrict access.

Chief among those formulas is the Quality-Adjusted Life Year, or QALY. This metric assigns less value to people who are not in "perfect health", including those with chronic illness, disabilities, and shorter life expectancy. Because QALYs are based largely on clinical data from predominantly white populations, they systematically undervalue the health realities of Black and brown communities.

Importing these tools into Medicaid would exacerbate existing disparities, resulting in fewer medications covered, more patients being left behind, and a wider gap in care for those already facing the greatest health burdens.

Lower reimbursement rates would likely prompt manufacturers to withdraw their drugs from the Medicaid program entirely. Because Medicaid participation is required for Medicare Part B coverage, this would disrupt patient access across both programs. It would also discourage investment in new treatments, further limiting options for communities of color facing disproportionate health challenges.

SCL-GPI urges the administration to reject this misguided proposal for Medicaid, Medicare, or any federal program and instead work with impacted communities to advance real solutions that improve affordability without sacrificing access or equity. The Administration and Policymakers should pursue transparent, patient-centered reforms, grounded in justice, not



imported bias, that ensure every American, regardless of race or income, can obtain the medicines they need."

About SCL-GPI

The [Southern Christian Leadership Global Policy Initiative](#) (SCL-GPI) is a leading voice in cutting-edge policy strategy and advocacy for underserved communities. Through education in target communities, SCL-GPI has demonstrated the power of grassroots civil rights advocacy.