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Drug Price Transparency Legislation Sweeping Across The Nation, Post-SB 17

Efforts Spring Up from Oregon to Maine

Sacramento, CA - California's 2017 passage of first-of-its-kind prescription drug price transparency legislation in the United States ushered in a new era of public reporting on egregious prescription drug price hikes - and other states are following suit.

From coast-to-coast, [11 states](#) - including Washington, Colorado, and Massachusetts - have introduced legislation similar to [California's SB 17](#), with an aim at increasing prescription drug price transparency through basic requirements such as price increase notifications by drug manufacturers.

"California has been a leader in the health care arena, and as the passage of SB 17 shows, the issue of drug price transparency is no exception," said **Charles Bacchi, President and CEO of the California Association of Health Plans**. "The diverse coalition of patient advocacy groups, labor, employers, health access organizations, and others that joined forces to pass SB 17 shows that the impact escalating prescription drug prices have on families and state programs - and ultimately the long-term health of our health care system - is something that cannot be ignored."



Not only does SB 17 require the public to receive price increase data (beginning 2019), purchasers such as the state and health plans must also receive 60-day notice of major price hikes*.

RunawayRx today released an [interactive map](#) to help stakeholders keep up with which states are joining California in pursuing drug price transparency legislation. To learn more about the newest state-by-state bill passages and proposals visit www.runawayrx.org.

**Major price hikes: drugs increasing by 16% or more over a two-year period*

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