

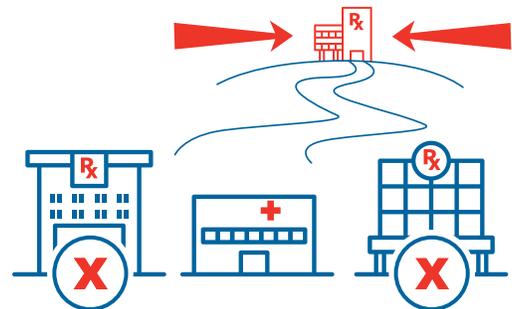


Texas hospitals support **House Bill 1586/Senate Bill 1161** by Rep. Eddie Lucio, III/ Sens. Charles Schwertner and Dawn Buckingham, to ensure safe, timely and personalized care.

HB 1586/SB 1161 would **eliminate health plan interference in patient care and preserve the provider/patient relationship.**

What is “White bagging”?

“White bagging” is a policy in which health plans **require drugs to be purchased through an insurer’s exclusive specialty pharmacy** of their choice and then ship those drugs to the hospital or infusion center where the patient will receive their treatment.



Why is it **Bad for Patients?**

Typically, clinicians treating patients with chronic, complex, rare or life-threatening medical conditions, such as cancer, prescribe powerful drugs that must be delivered via an injection or infusion in a physician’s office or hospital outpatient infusion center. Clinicians usually have the ability to purchase directly from their distributor of choice (such as an in-house pharmacy) and customize these therapies on an individual, real-time basis. **Clinicians frequently make last minute adjustments based on the patient’s most recent labs, but under recent white bagging policies, once a drug is filled and labeled, it cannot be adjusted or returned to stock.**

Prohibiting white bagging and allowing clinicians to choose where to obtain these drugs avoids delays in medication administration, reduces drug waste and ensures supply chain integrity.

HB 1586/SB 1161 put patient safety first and would:

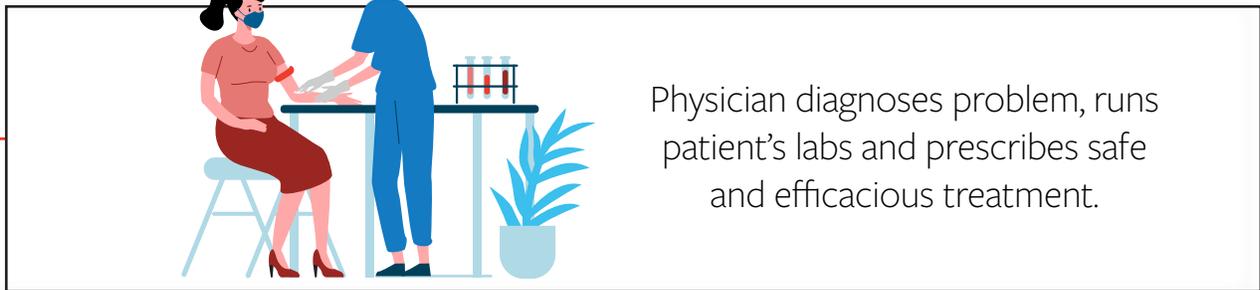


- Preserve hospitals’ ability to obtain clinician-administered drugs from their in-house pharmacies.
- Allow physicians to tailor medication based on the patient’s most recent labs.
- Reduce medication waste.
- Help ensure patients receive safe and effective drug treatments.
- Prevent patients from being charged more based on where the drugs were obtained.





DRUGS & PHARMACY ORDERING CHANNELS



Physician diagnoses problem, runs patient's labs and prescribes safe and efficacious treatment.

“White Bagging” Process

Physician orders drug from:

Specialty pharmacy contracted with health plan mixes, fills and labels drug. No changes allowed to dosage after drug is filled and labeled.



Drug is transported outside of physician control, possibly leading to delayed, damaged, contaminated or counterfeit shipments.



Physician runs patient's labs, day of appointment, to confirm that prescribed treatment is still safe and efficacious.

If no changes needed, then **drug is administered.**

If changes are needed, then **the process begins again.**

Safest Process for Clinician-Administered Drugs

Physician orders drug from:

In-hospital pharmacy or nearby pharmacy, in a closed-supply distribution system, ensures product arrives safely and on time.



Physician manages on-site inventory and is able to make point-of-care adjustments based on patient need.



Drug is promptly filled and administered.

