

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda—underwritten by global corporations—includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Prior Authorization Resolution

Did you know that global pharmaceutical company Bayer Healthcare was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Model Legislation

This resolution was developed by the Health Care Task Force for state legislators to show support for open access to pharmaceuticals as an effective method of containing costs in the total Medicaid budget. This resolution also states opposition to restrictive measures such as drug formularies and prior authorization programs.

WHEREAS prescription medicines are vitally important to ensuring good health and quality of life for Medicaid recipients; and

WHEREAS the cost-effectiveness of pharmaceuticals contribute to improved overall health care is exemplified by a reduction in emergency room visits, in-hospital days, physician visits, unnecessary surgeries, as well as avoidance of medical complications, increased speed in recovery, improved patient compliance, and quality of life through reduced pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS the {insert state legislative body} has supported open access to pharmaceuticals as a cost-effective method of containing costs in the total Medicaid budget; and

WHEREAS the {insert state legislative body} opposes restrictive measures such as restrictive formularies and prior authorization systems; and

WHEREAS the enactment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (HR 5835) provides for significant cost savings to all state Medicaid programs through the mandated drug manufacturer rebated to Medicaid; and

WHEREAS HR 5835 also allows state Medicaid programs to continue or institute prior authorization programs, in which physicians must seek and obtain approval from the state to prescribe the medicines which they believe are the most appropriate for their patients; and

WHEREAS prior authorization systems have been used in more than 20 states to deny effective therapy to the poor and disabled, creating a two-tier system of medical care; and

WHEREAS research has demonstrated that substitution resulting from restricted formularies negates any potential cost savings, and;

WHEREAS 10 states are now required under federal law to eliminate their restrictive Medicaid drug formularies; and

WHEREAS officials of several states have indicated their intent to employ the newly allowable prior authorization systems as a de facto restrictive formulary, despite the mandated manufacturer rebates; and

WHEREAS such use of prior authorization would represent a distortion of the legislative intent of the Congress of the United States, and would subvert the goal of quality care for Medicaid patients; and

WHEREAS the {insert state legislative body} believes that the goal of reducing expenditures in the Medicaid drug program has been attained through adoption of the manufacturer rebate provisions of HR 5835;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the {insert state legislative body} is opposed to any further attempts by state Medicaid officials to hamper access to prescription medicines; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the {insert state legislative body} urges the governors and the governors-elect of the 50 states, and the state Medicaid directors, to eliminate prior authorization systems, and preserve access to important prescription medicines for America's indigent population.

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