

## Oregon PDAB hosts community forums across Oregon in April, May

The Oregon Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) will launch an outreach effort this spring to seek comments from people and groups affected by the high cost of medications on the board's review list for 2026. The board will host in-person community forums in Salem, Redmond, Portland, and Beaverton in May. The board will also host three online forums plus an extended public comment period during the May 20 board meeting. The forums are free and open to the public.

The board seeks input from Oregonians, particularly patients affected by the prescription drugs the board will select in March or April for review this year. The board will identify up to nine prescription drugs and at least one insulin product it determines may be unaffordable, and the board will report its findings to the Oregon Legislature in December.

The online forums will be hosted on Zoom. Forum times, dates, locations, and Zoom links are on Page 2 of this newsletter and will be posted on the PDAB website. The board will also provide Spanish-language interpretation for the online forums.

Additionally, the board will seek input from patients and others through feedback forms available on the PDAB website. The patient feedback form will be available in a Spanish-language version.

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## *PDAB seeks applicants to fill board vacancy*

The Oregon Prescription Drug Affordability Board is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy. The board encourages individuals with knowledge and experience in health care and prescription drug payment systems to apply. The board consists of eight members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate. Members serve four years and can seek reappointment. The time commitment is about 15 hours per month, including virtual board meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month. The new member will begin serving in mid-2026.

- [To apply, submit an application in Workday by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30.](#)
- [Read an information letter.](#)



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# THE QUARTERLY

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PDAB staff members will soon send save-the-date emails with a flyer detailing the meeting dates, times and locations. The emails will be sent through the GovDelivery system PDAB uses to send out notifications about agenda materials. To receive PDAB news and updates, [sign up for GovDelivery notices](#). You may also send a direct request to [pdab@dcbs.oregon.gov](mailto:pdab@dcbs.oregon.gov) to receive the save-the-date flyer by email.

In 2024, the board hosted in-person forums in Portland, Lincoln City, Woodburn, Medford, and Bend, along with two online forums. About 156 people attended the sessions. Board and staff members listened to 28 people describe how they skipped medications because they could not

afford them, battled insurance companies over prescription coverage, and struggled to find medications that were in short supply. Read the [report about the 2024 outreach sessions](#).

The board appreciates everyone's help in spreading the word about the 2026 community forums and feedback forms. In particular, the board appreciates efforts to reach patients who use, and medical providers who prescribe, the prescription drugs the board selects for its 2026 review cycle.

A printable version of the flyer is included in this newsletter.

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**Share your story in the online feedback form:**  
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## 2025

Annual Report for the  
Oregon Legislature



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## PDAB publishes the 2025 annual report for the Oregon Legislature

The board published the 2025 annual report on Dec. 20 and sent it to the Oregon Legislature. The report analyzes price trends for prescription drugs reported to the [Drug Price Transparency Program](#), gives an overview of PDAB's 2025 drug review process, and recaps the board's work this past year along with a short history of PDAB. The report includes policy recommendations for ways to make prescription drugs more affordable for Oregonians. Here is a summary of the board's 2025 policy recommendations presented to the Legislature:

1. Increase transparency in pharmacy benefit management by eliminating spread pricing and basing reimbursement on objective acquisition cost benchmarks.
2. Ensure pharmacy access by adopting an any-willing-provider standard for plan networks and exempting pharmacies from the corporate activity tax.
3. Establish a single statewide pharmacy benefit manager and uniform preferred drug list for Medicaid and managed-care programs.
4. Explore cost-plus reimbursement structures for public employee programs and point-of-sale rebate models.
5. Expand PDAB's authority to allow for broader reviews of Oregon's prescription drug delivery system.

Read the report on the PDAB website: <https://dfr.oregon.gov/pdab/Documents/reports/PDAB-Annual-Report-2025.pdf>

Find past reports on the PDAB website: <https://dfr.oregon.gov/pdab/Pages/reports.aspx>

## PDAB will vote Jan. 21 on final list for 2025 review

**2025 drug review:** Oregon PDAB reviewed 23 prescription drugs and insulin products and will vote at its Wednesday, Jan. 21, meeting on affordability determinations to present to the Oregon Legislature. Board members will vote on all [23 drugs on the list](#) they have been studying since July 2025. Staff members have prepared detailed reports about each drug for the board review process, which can be [found on the PDAB website](#).

After the Jan. 21 vote, staff and board members will prepare and present a report with the final affordability determinations to the Oregon Legislature in March.

**2026 drug review:** Board members received the [preliminary prescription drug and insulin lists](#) in December 2025 and will narrow them to a smaller subset list in March or April.

Once the smaller list of drugs is ready, the Department of Consumer and Business Services will send it to Oregon insurance carriers asking for more information about the specific drugs and insulin products listed.

From there, PDAB staff will prepare detailed reports about each drug, similar to the drug reports for the 2025 review process. The reports will include information about drug pricing and use by Oregonians, including data submitted by manufacturers and insurance carriers, as well as data collected by the Oregon Health Authority through the All Payer All Claims Reporting Program. The board will review the drugs on the subset list in the summer and fall, and then it will identify up to nine drugs and at least one insulin product that may create affordability challenges or high out-of-pocket costs for Oregonians. The final affordability determinations will be included in the board's annual report that it will present to the Oregon Legislature in December 2026.

### We invite you to attend board meetings virtually on Zoom

Board meetings are open to the public and take place the third Wednesday of the month, from 8 a.m. to noon. [Click here to register for the Jan. 21 board meeting](#). You will receive an email from Zoom confirming registration.

Meeting agendas are posted two weeks before the meeting, and agenda materials posted the week before the meeting. Find the agenda materials for the Wednesday, Jan. 21, meeting on the [PDAB website](#). To sign up to speak at a board meeting or submit written testimony, use the [public comment form](#).

## DPT annual report, drug price hearing available online

The Drug Price Transparency Program (DPT) held its annual drug price hearing Dec. 4, 2025. Sen. Deb Patterson, Rep. Rob Nosse, and Rep. Emerson Levy served as moderators, and DCBS Insurance Commissioner TK Keen facilitated the hearing. DPT staff members presented highlights from the [drug price transparency annual report](#), which included drug price information provided over the past year by manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), and insurers. The information included the highest reported wholesale acquisition costs for new brand-name drugs and new generic drugs, drug price increases reported by manufacturers, information reported by PBMs with excerpts from the [DPT 2025 PBM report](#), and information about the most costly, most prescribed, and greatest increase drugs reported by insurance carriers.

The Dec. 4 hearing featured two panel discussions about biosimilars and innovative prescription financing solutions with Dr. Benjamin Rome of Harvard Medical School, Alex Keeton of Biosimilars Council, Michael Reilly of Alliance for Safe Biologic Medicines, Daniel Ollendorf of Institute for Clinical and Economic Review, Deborah Weston of Oregon Health Authority, and Sharon Lamberton of PhRMA. They presented perspectives about biosimilars for complex biologic drugs and financing approaches for new treatments with high costs across the health care system.

The hearing included public testimony from individuals and groups. The report, hearing video, and presentation slides are available on the DPT website:

<https://dfr.oregon.gov/drugtransparency/Pages/public-hearings.aspx>

## Thanks to everyone who participated in PDAB's 2025 Rx survey

### *New online feedback form is coming spring 2026*

PDAB members and staff would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2025 survey about drug costs. PDAB received 280 responses from patients, caregivers, and advocates; 29 responses from scientific or medical professionals; 11 responses from safety net clinics; and seven responses from manufacturers.

The board will host a similar online feedback form this spring about prescription drugs on the board's 2026 subset list. The online form links will be posted on the PDAB website after the board selects the subset list of drugs in March or April. We encourage everyone to tell us about their experiences with prescription drug costs. Please share the links with your networks.





## 2026 PDAB board members working for prescription drug affordability

PDAB staff members would like to thank members of the Oregon Prescription Drug Affordability Board for devoting their time, energy, and expertise to finding ways to make prescription drugs more affordable for Oregonians. PDAB was established in the Department of Consumer and Business Services under Oregon Revised Statute 646A.693 to protect residents of Oregon, state and local governments, commercial health plans, health care providers, pharmacies licensed in Oregon, and others within the health care system in this state from the high costs of prescription drugs. Currently there are seven board members and one vacancy. Board members represent a variety of health care backgrounds, including pharmacies, hospitals, universities, medical clinics, and business ownership. If you are interested in serving on the board and have knowledge or experience in health care and prescription drug payment systems, the board encourages you to apply.

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## PDAB 2026 meetings

**Meetings start at 8 a.m. Click on dates  
to register for Zoom meetings.**

[Wednesday, Jan. 21](#)

[Wednesday, Feb. 18](#)

[Wednesday, March 18](#)

[Wednesday, April 15](#)

[Wednesday, May 20](#)

[Wednesday June 17](#)

[Wednesday July 15](#)

[Wednesday, Aug. 19](#)

[Wednesday, Sept. 16](#)

[Wednesday, Oct. 21](#)

[Wednesday, Nov. 18](#)

[Wednesday, Dec. 16](#)

### How to participate in PDAB board meetings

There are two ways to participate in board meetings:

- Give oral testimony during a board meeting.
- Submit written testimony for a board meeting. Letters can be about general comments or specific to the drugs under review.

To provide oral comments, complete and submit the public comment form on the PDAB website at least 24 hours before the board meeting.

To provide written comments, complete and submit the public comment form at least 48 hours before a meeting. Find more information in the [How to communicate with the board](#) document on the PDAB website. If you would like a receipt of the letter you submit, confirmation of your sign up to speak, or if you need assistance with the web form, please email [pdab@dcbs.oregon.gov](mailto:pdab@dcbs.oregon.gov) or call 971-374-3724.



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