



# **87 (R) HB 18 Implementation Updates to the House Insurance Committee**

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# Status of 87 (R) House Bill 18

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- **87 (R) HB 18 Research Findings**

- Implementing a traditional state drug program would not be financially feasible and duplicative of existing discount programs (Ex: GoodRX)
- Research reflects drug costs are a financial burden for both uninsured and underinsured
- Kentucky and North Carolina have found success in Patient Assistance Program navigation
  - Since 2009, Kentucky has saved nearly \$1 billion in drug costs
  - Since 2003, North Carolina has saved over \$1.8 billion in drug costs

- **88 (R) HB 3026 - a prescription drug navigation program to meet the unique needs of Texans**

- Procure software that will navigate the landscape of existing Prescription Assistance Programs and simplify the complex application process
- Build and leverage a robust network of volunteers (Navigators) across the state to ensure assistance and access to all Texans
- Create a website that provides resources for clients and connects them to their nearest Navigator
- Conduct a community outreach and education campaign

