

**Chairman Brett Guthrie Opening Statement
Subcommittee on Health**

***Lowering Health Care Costs for All Americans: Examining
Policies to Increase Health Care Transparency***

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Thank you, Chairman Griffith. And thank you to all of the witnesses for being here today.

Today's legislative hearing will examine several health care transparency policies and build on this Committee's many years of bipartisan work to bring greater transparency to the sector, and we're continuing the Committee's work this year to tackle health care affordability for the American people.

We'll also consider legislation to build on the Trump Administration's historic price transparency regulations by codifying a framework for hospital and insurer price transparency. These policies will help provide actionable pricing information to patients and employers, empowering them with the tools they need to get high-quality care at the best price. This will ultimately bolster competition and improve health care affordability for the American people.

Further, today's hearing will include newer policies, taking action on President Trump's Great Healthcare Plan. We'll consider how to address concerns we've heard from patients and providers about the burdens created by prior authorization and for improving transparency of insurers' overhead costs. By providing this information to the American people in a consumer-friendly way, these policies can help consumers better shop for their health plans and will increase competition in the marketplace.

We'll also consider a discussion draft that brings pricing information directly to patients when they are seeking care by requiring hospitals to publicly post on their walls the discounted cash price of shoppable services, enabling consumers to make informed choices about where to find lower cost care.

As I noted, this Committee has a long track record of working in a bipartisan way to bring greater transparency to the health care system—shining a light on the cost of health care while equipping American patients and employers with the tools they need to lower health care costs. It was in this Committee over three years ago when Congress had our first hearing

working on price transparency legislation. Today's hearing will continue our leadership on this critical work to empower patients by improving health care transparency.

I thank the witnesses for their participation and look forward to today's discussion. I yield back.