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Input to Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (PMPRB) regarding proposed Guidelines

The Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) is grateful to the Patented Medicine Review Board for the opportunity provided to the public for feedback on the updated guidelines. We also recognize that the PMPRB's role is to protect consumers from excessive priced patented medicines.

The SCAGO is the largest patient organization serving families affected by sickle cell disease in the province of Ontario. Many individuals living with SCD experience systemic racism and are majorly not able to access the right care at the right time. As such, it becomes imperative to the SCAGO that adequate considerations are put in place by the PMPRB to ensure that pricing regulations and guidelines would not further alienate SCD patients from the quality treatments that they do need.

In the light of this, the SCAGO is in support of the Best Medicines Coalition Submission and deemed it appropriate that for the updated guidelines to be considered worthy of moving forward with, the proposed Guidelines must both address affordability, in the context of excessive pricing, and contribute to an environment where new medicines are available in a timely manner and where patients with critical unmet needs are able to access clinical trials.

We hope that the PMPRB will accept our stand and move towards a more robust environment for patent medicines in Canada.

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to let me know and I look forward to your next steps shortly.

Warm regards,
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