

# BETTER MEDICATION INFORMATION WILL IMPROVE RURAL HEALTH

*The Patients' Right to Know Their Medication Act would guarantee that all patients receive clear, printed information about their medications.*



## Pharmacy Deserts

According to GoodRx, more than 40% of all US counties are pharmacy deserts.

**Patients need medication information on-hand** since pharmacy deserts decrease the chances people talk to their pharmacist and take their medications correctly.

## Rural America Is Struggling

According to Pew Research, only **63% of rural Americans** have home broadband internet. Rural communities have already lost **10%** of their pharmacies since 2003.

**Yet**, a proposed FDA rule would:

- Shift PMI to a **digital, not printed**, format.
- Add **71.7 million hours** of pharmacist workload and cost **\$1.6 billion a year**.

## Digital PMI ≠ Access

Limited internet access and struggling pharmacies means a lower access to PMI, which will cause medication non-adherence.



## Medication Non-Adherence

According to the NIH, medication non-adherence has led to:

- Approximately **125,000** deaths annually.
- Up to **10%** of hospitalizations.
- 1.3 million** emergency visits annually.
- \$100 - 300 billion** in annual health care costs.