

TITLE: **IN SUPPORT OF AWARENESS OF THE EFFECTS OF THE INCREASED PRICE OF EPIPENS ON CONSUMERS**

SUBMITTED BY: **The Ohio Student Nurses' Association**

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WHEREAS, the incidence of anaphylactic reactions is increasing with an estimated 40 million individuals affected each year; and

WHEREAS, to resolve anaphylaxis requires prompt and correct recognition of symptoms and the use of IM epinephrine; and

WHEREAS, Mylan, the business that sells EpiPens, raised the price of EpiPens 15 times between 2009 and 2016, resulting in a price increase of more than 400%; and

WHEREAS, this price increase has led hospitals to use cheaper alternatives to manage anaphylactic reactions, such as epinephrine ampules or vials, which have increased the incidence and risk of medication errors, with some errors resulting in fatalities; and

WHEREAS, these errors included administration of the wrong dose or via the wrong route, which are preventable errors; and

WHEREAS, Mylan's role in clearing the field of present and future competitors, and full range of behavior, raises significant antitrust concerns; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Student Nurses' Association (OhSNA) encourage awareness of the increased price of EpiPens, the overall impact on patients, and ways patients can address the expenses associated with EpiPens; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA include a breakout session about this topic at a future conference, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA contact a representative of Mylan to discuss the impact that EpiPen's expenses cause, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA send a copy of this resolution to the Allergy and Asthma Network, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, American Latex Allergy Association, Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Food and Allergy Research and Education, National Association

of School Nurses, Epinephrine Resource School Nurse Program, Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, National League for Nursing, American Nurses Association, and all others deemed appropriate by the OhSNA Board of Directors.