

HEALTH

EpiPen bulk purchase program signed into law

BOSTON – Gov. Charlie Baker signed a budget, approved by both the House and Senate, which included an amendment sponsored by state Sen. Eric P. Lesser, D-Longmeadow, to create a bulk purchase program for cities and towns to buy doses of EpiPens at a reduced price.

The proposal was based on the successful Narcan bulk purchase program, which was created by the Senate in 2015 and is

administered by the Office of the Attorney General. That program allows cities and towns to pool their resources to buy doses of the overdose-reversal drug Narcan in bulk, reducing the price.

The goal of this amendment is to replicate that success with EpiPens, for which 10,000 schoolchildren in Massachusetts have prescriptions.

“As the price of EpiPens has continued to climb, parents have

been forced to make unbearable choices between paying for a lifesaving drug for their child or paying for any number of other bills. This program will reduce health care costs and bring significant health benefits to the state – including the potential to save lives,” Lesser said.

Earlier this month, Lesser and constituent Dr. Mark Kenton of Mercy Medical Center, testified in favor of the proposal before the

Joint Committee on Health Care Financing.

Last year, Kenton wrote an open letter to the CEO of Mylan, maker of the EpiPen, which went viral on Facebook.

Mylan, a pharmaceutical company, acquired the decades-old product in 2007, when pharmacies paid less than \$100 for a two-pen set, and has since been steadily raising the wholesale price.

In 2009, a pharmacy paid

\$103.50 for a set. By July 2013 the price was up to \$264.50, and it rose 75 percent to \$461 by last May. This May the price spiked again to \$608.61, according to data provided by Elsevier Clinical Solutions’ Gold Standard Drug Database.

“Any family will have six to eight at home, \$600 for one 2-pack, you’re looking at \$1,800 at least. It’s just a huge cost burden,” Kenton said.

Baystate Blood Donor Mobile to visit Baystate Wing Hospital, donations remain local

PALMER – The Baystate Health Blood Donor Mobile will host a blood drive on Thursday, Aug. 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Baystate Wing Hospital parking lot, located at 40 Wright St. in Palmer. All blood types are needed. Eligible donors will receive a one day pass to The Big E.

Blood donations take approximately 40 to 45 minutes to complete, including interview, donation and refreshments. Donors must be at least 17-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have a photo ID, be in good health (no colds or sore throat), and not have donated blood within the past eight weeks.

They should have a good meal prior to donating, drink plenty of fluids, and bring along any lists of medications they are currently taking.

“Local blood drives help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available. All blood donated to the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program

stays local to help patients in all Baystate Health hospitals,” said Amy Benson, blood donor support recruiter with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program. “There is no substitute for human blood. The only way our family, friends, and neighbors can receive this life-saving gift is through your generosity. Your

support will help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is always available.”

Appointments and pre-registration are recommended; however, walk-ins are also welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program at 413-794-4600.

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