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### **Green Mountain Care Board Releases Act 165 Drug List**

**Montpelier, VT** - Today the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) released a list of prescription drugs, in accordance with Act 165 of 2016, on which the State spends significant health care dollars. Act 165 requires the GMCB, in collaboration with the Department of Vermont Health Access, to identify those drugs whose wholesale acquisition cost has increased by 50 percent or more over the past five years or by 15 percent or more over the past twelve months, creating a substantial public interest in understanding the development of the drugs' pricing.

The GMCB has posted the list to its website and has provided the list, including the drug name, manufacturer, and percentage of wholesale acquisition cost increase for each, to the Vermont Office of the Attorney General, which is charged with contacting the drug companies to determine the causes of the high increases.

"Drug pricing should be more transparent for Vermonters, many of whom are finding the rising prices of medications unaffordable," said Susan Barrett, Executive Director of the Green Mountain Care Board. "Although prescription drug pricing is regulated at the federal level, the Board will continue to partner with the Legislature, DVHA and the Attorney General's office and to reach out to industry to find ways to bring down the cost of prescription drugs."