

Please, we need your help!

Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are middlemen that have a monopoly on healthcare as they control most aspects of filling a medication through insurance.

Due to their immense power and lack of regulation, they can act however they choose and are driving up healthcare costs to line their own pockets.

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USA has 278% higher drug costs than other developed countries. The US is also the only country in the world that has PBMs.¹ Coincidence? No.

PBMs never touch medications but they make money from almost every player in the prescription supply chain, including you, the patient.²

PBMs ultimately pursue profits at the expense of quality patient care.²

Just 3 PBMs control over 80% of prescription drug benefit transactions: Express Scripts, CVS Caremark & Optum³. All 3 of these companies are also in the top 15 of the Fortune 500 list.

From 1987-2019, there was a 1279% increase in prescription drug benefit costs & a 222% increase in patient out-of-pocket costs.⁴

PBMs fail to pass \$120 billion back to customers⁴

1 independent pharmacy closed every day in 2023. CVS Caremark, on the other hand, saw an almost 11% increase in profits.

Our ask of you.

Call your NC Senator today and ask them to pass House Bill 246 so that we and other local pharmacies will be here to serve you for years to come!

Senators need to hear from their constituents now!



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What H246 will do.

- Give the NC Department of Insurance authority to enforce PBMs
- Require PBMs to more fairly reimburse pharmacies
- Eliminate 'spread pricing' (PBMs charge payers a higher price than they pay pharmacies and pocket the difference)
- Address PBM specialty pharmacy monopoly
- Prevent PBMs from mandating use of their own mail-order pharmacy

HB246

This bill passed unanimously in the NC House but has stalled in the NC senate and is about to expire-LET'S ACT!

1. <https://www.managedhealthcareexecutive.com/view/u-s-drug-prices-are-278-higher-than-other-developed-countries-says-rand-study>
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3. <https://ncpa.org/sites/default/files/2021-08/PBM-Storybook-One-Pager.pdf>
4. <https://www.nacds.org/dir-fees/>