

Hello, my name is Julie Johnson. I have been a pharmacist for 26 years and I have owned an independent pharmacy for 17 years. I am here in support of HB 1273: Health Insurance – Audits of Claims by Pharmacies or Pharmacists – Deadlines.

The small independent, community pharmacies have been hit with so many DIR fees, claw back fees and audit fees from PBM's that they are decimating our industry.

We only have a designated time frame, as per our contracts, to back out and re-submit a claim. Audits used to be mainly educational, but now it seems to be all about taking back money for discrepancies. The PBMs select mainly high dollar, brand name drugs.

In a four month period, as you can see at the top of the discrepancy list, an audit noted discrepancies with about \$5,000 in claims that I could not back out and resubmit for payment because they were beyond the allowable time frame. They also selected all of the refills on the initial claim.

These audits are on claims that have been submitted, processed, approved and paid for by the PBM's!

All I am asking is to treat us fair by allowing us the opportunity to rectify the discrepancies found, by reversing and resubmitting the claims to retain the cost of the drugs.

I ask for a favorable report on House Bill 1273.