

## **HB 539-Prohibited actions by PBMs.**

This bill will eliminate “*spread pricing*” by PBMs; and it will allow “*any willing pharmacy*” to participate in a network as long as the pharmacy will agree to the terms and conditions of the network. It also prohibits PBMs from steering through the use of different co-pays for a drug in a plan, and prohibits the mandatory use of mail order pharmacies, allowing the patient to decide whether he wishes to use mail order. Why do PBMs think they know better than the patients they claim to serve? Patients don’t want to wait for life saving drug from a UPS truck, they want deliveries, same day services and more but PBMS seem to know much better.

My Google page is replete with patients who understand that Independent Pharmacies bridge the gap in the quality-of-service BIG Chains simply can't afford. We are having to turn them away to PBM controlled pharmacies or mail order. We need this bill to limit the abuse and give patients and pharmacies to choose to go where they seem is best for them; whether it’s PBM stores or their local independent pharmacy. *Choice should be based on the quality you perceive is fair as an individual and not dictated by any entity.* I believe that is fair.

I am counting on your favorable support to save my profession and my patients from the issues we are currently facing. I am happy to provide any documentation you may need to support these claims. Our situation simply speaking is DIRE.

Respectfully,

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