HB 374 – Audit Of Pharmacies

Dear Delegates,

Thanks again for defending us against unfair practices. As our elected leaders in Maryland, we are, again, counting on your support for this bill. I want to highlight how your support will help my patients. *Pharmacy audits <u>have</u> been used to target those who testify at Annapolis* and to improperly retrieve payments from pharmacies to increase PBM bottom line. This bill promotes equity and fairness. We are expected to "fold and go away" but we ONLY exist because of the wide gap in quality of care. What we bring to the table has never been rivaled as of yet.

This bill expands protections afforded to pharmacies audited by PBMs. It contains audit limits, acceptance of certain documents as validation and other protections. Audits are not to be for any other reason but reasonable auditing.

For these and many more, I really appreciate your concern and we want a favorable response.

Respectfully,

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