

Pharmacy Access Is More Important Than Ever!

Oregon State Pharmacy Association requests your support of -6 to the HB 3212.

Profiteering by a handful of multinational corporations that control 80%+ of the insurance market has devastated access to pharmacies and care in Oregon. The CBO says they're bilking Americans; FTC has sued the top 3 PBMs; Congress has not acted.

Administrative and contractual practices that jeopardize care

Current contracting practices make it impossible for pharmacies to have leverage around contracting. HB 3212 -6 prohibits bad contracting practices that don't allow pharmacies to not take contracts that they would lose money with, spend time meeting unreasonable burdens, dispense drugs that they would lose hundreds of dollars on because the PBM refuses to pay them appropriately, does not include sufficient information on how much the pharmacy would be paid for dispensing drugs, reduces payments after the point of sale for any reason, or requires that contract terms are not agreed to in a contract and instead are forced on pharmacies by mandate of the PBM. HB 3212 -6 also allows pharmacies to work with their patients to find solutions that work for both the patient and the pharmacy, not the PBM.

Protect against retaliatory practices

PBMs currently restrict pharmacies from working with insurance companies, employers, or Coordinated Care Organizations when they are having any issue with their patients, including payment issues. Pharmacies should not be threatened with legal action for trying to take care of their patients and finding solutions.

Paying their own pharmacies at higher rates

Currently, PBMs pay pharmacies they or their parent company own more than pharmacies they don't own. All pharmacies do the same work, so they should not be paying their own pharmacies higher amounts at the expense of patients and other pharmacies.

HB 3212 -6 Would...

... Mandate good-faith practices, promoting transparency, honesty, and fairness in all business dealings.

... Implement protections against retaliatory practices by PBMs that jeopardize the viability of pharmacies.

... Ban preferential terms based on affiliation and prohibit practices that steer patients to specific pharmacies.

YES, HB 3212 -6 to help ensure pharmacy access for Oregonians!

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