

PBM's are destroying retail pharmacy and it's time to put an end to it. They are causing pharmacies to close at record numbers creating communities without access to medications while forcing patients to drive over 10-15 miles to the next nearest pharmacy. We need legislation to prohibit a PBM from reimbursing an Ohio pharmacy less than the amount the PBM reimburses its affiliated pharmacies for providing the same drug product. All we are asking for is a fair reimbursement rate to make a fair profit so we can prevent pharmacy deserts and continue to provide employment in our communities.

A pharmacy is more than just a place to pick-up your prescriptions. Pharmacists provide a plethora of additional services to support patients in their communities. Many provide medication therapy management, delivery, vaccinations for prevention of various diseases, face to face counselling, over the counter recommendations for ailing symptoms, consultations with physicians to coordinate treatment plans for patients, coordinating plans with hospital social workers to provide consistent treatment for patients leaving the hospital, compounding services for unique circumstances to individualize therapy, and referral advice to patients when seeking a doctor for care just to name a few.

A community that loses a pharmacy loses more than just a dispensary of drugs. It loses a healthcare partner and community leader. PBM's aren't playing fair. It's time to put an end to this!

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