

November 12, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
House Minority Leader  
United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, and Leaders Jeffries, Schumer, and McConnell,

**We urge you to enact strong pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) transparency and accountability reforms this year.** The undersigned groups strongly support PBM transparency and accountability reforms passed to date by the House and by several Senate Committees this Congress. When taken together, these measures complement and build upon important policy principles that can be found within all of them – **commonsense solutions** to reorient PBM practices driving better access to lower cost prescription drugs for millions of Americans.

Drug costs are a large part of America's health care affordability problem. Because of misaligned incentives under current law, the largest PBMs reportedly engage in business practices that drive up prescription drug costs, rather than lowering costs and passing the savings on to those feeling the pressure of rising costs. Three PBMs process more than 80 percent of prescription drug claims in the U.S., giving them immense market power, often making it very challenging for unions and employers to negotiate contract terms for affordably priced medications for workers and families. This skewed market dynamic drives higher drug costs with employers, patients, and taxpayers with real-life consequences for those relying on medications to treat their health condition.

To date, **seven committees of jurisdiction** across both chambers have voted overwhelmingly in favor of PBM transparency and reforms (in some instances voting unanimously or nearly unanimously to advance these policies). Now is the time to enact real and lasting change. **Congress must not squander the opportunity for real change impacting real lives and must enact these reforms this year.**

We strongly support **robust transparency and accountability for PBMs** reflected by provisions included in the three measures referenced above. These include **full PBM transparency** including transparency of PBM business arrangements and financial incentives.

These also include **banning spread pricing** and requiring **100% pass-through** to plan sponsors and patients of rebates, discounts, fees, and other payments from drug manufacturers. Additionally, we are supportive of policies to effectively de-link PBM profits from list prices for drugs, and to hold PBMs accountable in the same way plan sponsors are held accountable.

**These changes are imperative to ensure a free market operates as intended, without steering plans and patients toward higher-priced medications and making health care unaffordable.** We firmly believe that congressional action is necessary to correct the dysfunction present in the marketplace. Many of the groups signed below represent patients who are making tough decisions to afford their medication, are unable to get approval for the drugs prescribed by their doctor and may have to modify the use of their medication or skip doses because it is impossible to access their medications. Each day that passes without PBM reform is a day in which drug costs erode access to affordable health care.

**The solutions we support have considerable bipartisan support in Congress. We implore you to enact this overdue legislative relief for the millions of Americans whom these reforms would positively impact.**

AI Arthritis  
Alabama Employer Health Consortium  
Allergy and Asthma Network (AAN)  
America's Agenda  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Benefits Council  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Gastroenterology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Kidney Fund  
American Liver Foundation  
American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Accessible Medicines  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Autoimmune Association  
Beta Cell Action  
Biosimilars Council  
Biosimilars Forum  
Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)  
Blue Shield of California  
Business Health Care Group  
Cancer Support Community

Cardiomyopathy Association  
Caregiver Action Network  
Children with Diabetes  
Chronic Disease Coalition  
Citizen Action/Illinois  
Color of Gastrointestinal Illnesses  
Community Oncology Alliance  
CT #insulin4all  
Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health  
Direct Primary Care Coalition  
Economic Alliance of Michigan  
Employers' Advanced Cooperative on Healthcare  
Employers' Forum of Indiana  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value  
Floridians for Accountability in Healthcare, Inc.  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Generation Patient  
Georgia Association of Manufacturers  
Get the Medications Right Institute (GTMRx Institute)  
Global Liver Institute  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
Greater Cincinnati Employers Group on Health  
Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health  
Health Care Voices  
HealthCareTN  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Hometown Pharmacy of Wisconsin  
Houston Business Coalition  
HR Policy Association  
Hydrocephalus Association  
Justify Rx  
Kansas Business Group on Health  
Labor Campaign for Single Payer  
Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH)  
LUNgevity Foundation  
Maryland Association of Chain Drug Stores  
MedOne  
MidAtlantic Business Group on Health  
Midwest Business Group on Health  
Miles for Migraines  
National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions  
National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP)

National Association of Manufacturers  
National Consumers League  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization of Rheumatology Office Managers (NORM)  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Nevada Business Group on Health  
New Mexico Coalition for Healthcare Value  
North Carolina Business Coalition on Health  
Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage (P4ESC)  
Patients Rising  
PBM Accountability Project  
Peggy Lillis Foundation  
Pharmacy Benefit Dimensions  
PhRMA  
Pittsburgh Business Group on Health  
Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health  
Prevent Blindness  
Purchaser Business Group on Health  
Rhode Island Business Group on Health  
Rise Up WV  
Rx Preferred Benefits  
Salud y Farmacos  
Savannah Business Group on Health  
Self-Insurance Institute of America, Inc.  
Silicon Valley Employers Forum  
Sjögren's Foundation, Inc.  
Small Business Majority  
Society of Professional Benefit Administrators  
Spondylitis Association of America  
Texas Business Group on Health  
Texas Food & Fuel Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Alliance (Midwest)  
The Coalition to Protect and Promote Association Health Plans  
The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers  
The ERISA Industry Committee  
The Headache and Migraine Policy Forum  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The Oklahoma Business Collective on Health  
Tourette Association of America  
Transparency-Rx  
Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM)

US PIRG  
Warner Pacific  
Washington Health Alliance