

# WHEN IT COMES TO PBMS, WE ALL PAY THE PRICE...



Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are middlemen who have strayed from their original purpose of negotiating savings for patients and now keep the profits for themselves, leaving the rest of Florida's consumers to pay higher drug prices.

## WHO DO PBMS' PREDATORY TACTICS HURT?



Patients

Forcing neighborhood pharmacies out of PBM health networks causes many patients to drive extra miles from their home to receive medications simply because their local pharmacy is not in their plan. This not only steers business away from neighborhood pharmacies, it severely restricts patients' access to medications and drives up their costs.



Pharmacies

Many neighborhood pharmacies diligently refill prescriptions only to be hit with reimbursements that are pennies on the dollar – with some even facing negative reimbursements or clawbacks – while PBMs continue to make record-breaking profits. No business can sustain operations under this model, and it is a clear manipulation of the system that promotes anti-competitive practices.



Providers

PBMs are overstepping their scope and making medical decisions best left to physicians and pharmacists – and their years of training. PBMs are motivated by profit, not by what is best for the patient, and many times PBMs require the use of drugs or specialty medications that are not the most beneficial for the patient.



Payors

The anti-competitive policies that PBMs push increase health care costs for everyone. PBMs don't make or provide the drug – they don't even touch the drug – yet they add costs to the overall health care system that must be absorbed by pharmacists, patients, and all Floridians.

The **S**mall Business **P**harmacies **A**ligned for **R**eform (SPAR) is calling for change to put an end to these abusive practices that affect all Floridians. We need legislation that will:

- immediately reduce the cost of drugs for Floridians.
- improve patients' access to their prescription drugs by ensuring that neighborhood pharmacies will continue to be in business.
- ensure that doctors and pharmacists – not PBMs – are making the medical decisions regarding drug prescriptions for the well-being of their patients.

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