

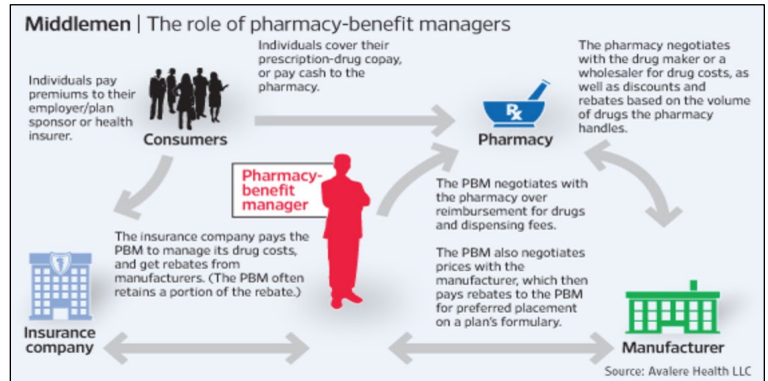
# Preserving Pharmacies in Our Communities and For Our Patients

SB652 – Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill)  
HB465 - Representative Greg Harris (D-Chicago)

## Vote Yes for SB652 & HB465!

**Background:** Pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) are companies that specialize in developing and managing prescription drug benefits for a variety of private and public plan sponsors.

Over the past number of years, PBM business practices have had a devastating impact on: patient access, increasing prescription medication costs, interfere with the patient-pharmacist-physician relationship, the sustainability of community pharmacies, and transparency to employer sponsors and government entities.



SB652 and HB465 would develop a legislative reform approach encompassing the following areas:

- **PBM Registration** – Currently, PBMs are not registered by the Department of Insurance and hinders proper state regulatory oversight and accountability.
- **Prevention of Gag Clauses** – Gag Clauses prevent pharmacists from advising patients when lower cost alternatives may be available, including paying the full cash price (which may be cheaper than utilizing the PBM and paying the copay).
- **Pricing Transparency** – PBMs utilize outdated and predatory pricing and reimbursement models that undermine a pharmacy's ability to maintain sustainable practice. Many reimbursement claims are under the cost that the pharmacy pays to acquire the medication.
- **Data Transparency** – Several states are concerned that PBMs are not providing complete and transparent information to government entities. Some states, including Kentucky have passed data transparency requirements for their Managed Medicaid program.

Attorneys General, Auditors General, and Insurance Directors are investigating, fined, or instituted court proceedings into the business practice of Pharmacy Benefit Managers, including Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia.

The Ohio Columbus Dispatch began an in-depth and comprehensive investigative series on the practices of Pharmacy Benefits Managers and the impact on patients and prescription costs. – <http://gatehousenews.com/sideeffects/>



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