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PA. Pharmacists Hail Signing Of PBM Reform Bill To Help Patients

By Jill Gingrich

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A coalition of community pharmacists today hailed the signing of House Bill 1993 into law by Gov. Josh Shapiro, which provides desperately needed reforms to how pharmacy benefit managers (PBM) operate in Pennsylvania. Gov. Shapiro held the bill signing at Hometown Pharmacy in New Castle, which has served its community since 1997.

"This year alone, over 140 pharmacies have closed their doors," said Victoria E. Elliott, CEO of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association. "This law is a strong step forward in helping to protect access to local pharmacies for Pennsylvania families. We want to thank Gov. Shapiro for his leadership in calling for PBM reforms in his budget address."

PBMs are supposed to negotiate good prices with drug companies for prescription drugs through Medicaid, but the savings aren't passed on to health insurers, community pharmacies and patients. Instead, those Medicaid dollars are going right into the pockets of PBMs.

The legislation includes critical patient protections and government oversight, including:

- Limits on PBM patient steering, ensuring patients have access to their local pharmacies without the threat of financial penalties from PBMs.
- A comprehensive study of PBM business practices, as part of Insurance Department oversight.
- Definitions for what a specialty drug is, helping to protect access for important drugs at your local pharmacy.

"It's our hope that the study being done by the state Insurance Department will help identify key areas where we can continue to improve PBM transparency, regulation and oversight," Elliott said. "The goal here is to protect patient access to their preferred pharmacies across the commonwealth."

Elliott also thanked Senate Majority Leader Joe Pittman, R-Armstrong, and the bill's sponsors: Reps. Jessica Benham, D-Allegheny and Valerie Gaydos, R-Allegheny, in the House, as well as Senate sponsors Judy Ward, R-Blair and Christine Tartaglione, D-Philadelphia, for helping to develop broad bipartisan support for this common-sense legislation.

"The tireless work of Sen. Pittman and our sponsors really helped get this important step in PBM reform to Gov. Shapiro's desk," Elliott said. "Their leadership was critical every step of the way."



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By Waste Management

Textile waste. For many, shopping for new clothes is exciting. But what do you do with the old, ripped, or items you simply don't like anymore? Most throw these items in the trash.

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