



## **SUPPORT SB 363 - PROTECT THE RIGHT OF OREGONIANS TO CHOOSE THEIR PRESCRIPTION PROVIDER**

***In an economic culture where efficiency and austerity rule, Oregonians are the ones who lose out with Mail Order Pharmacies.***

In person visits and face-to-face interactions between patients and pharmacists is quite simply the most effective way to ensure that patient health and safety when it comes to medical therapies and preventing any related risks. The Mail Order Pharmacy forced upon Oregonians by PBMs offer merely an e-mail or a toll-free hotline for triage on those “after the fact” cases.

**When given a choice, 83% of customers prefer to fill their prescriptions at a community pharmacy for both cost and safety benefits.**

Increasing Generic Dispensing Rates (GDR) is the most effective method to drive and guarantee savings for plans and their members, without restricting or mandating patient access to care. For every \$1 a plan invests in generics, the plan and membership benefit from \$2 in savings. In spite of this, PBMs consistently distribute less generic drugs - even 10% less than the retail pharmacies dispense - with just over half of their prescriptions that are filled. *PBMs receive billions from drug manufacturers each year to push brand names.*

While negotiations between retail pharmacies and PBMs may result in savings for clients, PBMS will claim that even greater savings can be achieved by urging the patient into a mail service pharmacy - most PBMs own their own mail service.

**No Oregonian can “fire” their mail service pharmacy; poor service, lost prescriptions, the wrong drugs being sent ... patients are held captive.**

Oregonians who do receive their proper prescriptions in the mail often opt-in because they need ongoing drug therapy and are finding themselves overstocked. National Community Pharmacist’s Association has compiled a shocking report that details the enormous amount of waste. Oregonians are left confused and overwhelmed with wasted

drugs and medical supplies - in many cases grappling with the dispensing of controlled substances, posing a massive public safety risk.

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