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I am a local pharmacist and am manager/owner of a local pharmacy in rural silverton Or . I am so frustrated with pharmacy benefit managers using their place in patient care to cost our local pharmacies so they are forced to close their doors. We are told we can purchase products at very low costs but not where they are available and so they pay us way under cost to dispense. Our cost of labor and utilities rent etc have gone up and up and pbms are paying pharmacies less and less and is it any wonder we are losing independent pharmacy across the nation. PBM are owned by chains who redirect to chains and mail order and then patients are looped into a pharmacy that doesnt give the patient care we do. We stayed late and night and worked 7 days a week during the pandemic to care for patients who were "chain" patients who didnt answer their phones or fax machines at patient cost. There are so many examples of this and we are a small pharmacy in a very small town. .Multiple this by the number of pharmacies who did the same. I am so proud of independent pharmacy for its ability to step up for their communities. Please stop this from happening and Please dont postpone for another year as has happened time and time again. Time is running out for our pharmacies. thank you for your time. please feel free to contact me if you have questions. amber grant