

I am writing in support of SB 2378. As a rural community pharmacist, my patients have had to go mail order for their specialty medications. These could be injectable or oral medications.

The PBMs direct the prescriptions for these specialty meds to their own mail order pharmacies. So the PBM is the pharmacy and the insurance. Conflict of interest?? These are the same entities that negotiate the contracts showing what I am reimbursed for medications for their patients also. They would prefer their patients would go completely mail order and close up the rural pharmacies in North Dakota.

Im also writing as a mom of one of the patients who had to go mail order for her specialty medication. When it is mailed to her- she must be home due to storage of this medication- must be refrigerated- not frozen or over heated. If its stolen from her steps - she is liable. She has resorted to having it delivered to her work place to make sure it is safe.

There is absolutely no reason we could not dispense these medications through a retail pharmacy. We used to dispense them before the PBMs changed their contracts to demand mail order.

Please consider voting in favor of this bill.

Thank you,

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