



February 28, 2018

Senator Thomas M. Middleton  
Chairman  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

**RE: S.B. 576 – Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Pharmacies and Pharmacists – Information on and Sales of Prescription Drugs**

Dear Chairman Middleton:

The Pharmaceutical Care Management Association is the national association representing America's pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). PBMs administer prescription drug plans and operate mail-order and specialty pharmacies for more than 266 million Americans with health coverage through Fortune 500 companies, health insurers, labor unions, Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs.

PCMA and its member companies believe that patient should always pay the lowest price available at the pharmacy counter for their prescribed drug. In all Medicare Part D plans, patients pay the lesser of their plan's cost-sharing amount or the cash price of the drug (also known as the "usual and customary price") at the pharmacy counter, and as an industry, PCMA member companies support this policy in the commercial market.

Under this bill, even though Maryland patients would always benefit from the lowest possible price at the pharmacy counter, pharmacists would know that they could communicate with their patients about the cost of their prescription, with or without insurance.

We were proud to work closely with Mr. Vinny DeMarco, President of Health Care for All, to develop patient-centered legislative language that would set best practices into Maryland law.

We support S.B. 576 and urge Members of the Committee to support the bill as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Scott Woods".

R. Scott Woods  
Senior Director, State Affairs  
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association