



June 26, 2019

The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson
Chair, Senate Health Committee
900 Court St NE, S-211
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Andrea Salinas
Chair, House Health Committee
900 Court St NE, H-485
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2185 Relating to pharmacy benefit managers

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Chair Salinas:

On behalf of the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA), we appreciate your leadership in crafting HB 2185 in your respective committees. We also appreciate your bringing together the various stakeholders to discuss the legislation to better ensure Oregonians have access to affordable prescription drugs.

PCMA is the national trade association representing America's Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), which administer prescription drug plans for more than 266 million Americans with health coverage provided through Fortune 500 employers, health insurance plans, labor unions, and Medicare Part D. PBMs are engaged by clients including health insurers, government agencies, unions, school districts, and large and small employers, to manage pharmacy benefits pursuant to health insurance benefits and contracts. PBMs are projected to save payers over \$30 billion over the next decade through the next decade thanks to tools such as negotiating price discounts with drug manufacturers, establishing pharmacy networks and disease management and adherence programs.

Under your auspices, a great deal of progress was made among stakeholders to find common ground on issues such as the ability for retail pharmacies to mail, ship or deliver medicines to their patients as an ancillary service and clarifying the pharmacy appeal process. However, work remains in critical areas, including specialty pharmacy, 340B pharmacy reimbursement and reimbursement for generic medicines (MAC).

We greatly appreciate your respective comments prior to final passage of this legislation, noting more work remains. We look forward to continuing the process you started and working with you and other stakeholders to find mutually agreeable solutions prior to the 2021 effective date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Head". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "B" and "H".

Bill Head
Senior Director, State Affairs