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Walgreens supports the principals in House Bill 1627, which will bring fairness and transparency into the pharmacy reimbursement process.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA HAYNES			PHONE NUME 573-734-8		
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WITNESS NAME: HEIDI GEISBUHLE	ER SUTHERLAND		PHONE NUME 573-634-3	
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Members of the House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee, As employers of the St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition (BHC), we are writing to express concern with HB 1627 and the detrimental impact that it could have on Missouri businesses, employees, and families. Fifty-three of our organizations are headquartered in Missouri, and as self-insured employers representing over 500,000 covered lives across the state, we contribute over 60% to the health care costs of our plan members, with the remainder covered by Missouri workers. Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) serve as important partners in achieving savings for employers and their plan enrollees by negotiating discounted drug prices, optimizing pharmacy networks to improve access, providing clinical oversight to prevent medication errors, increasing prescription adherence, and managing complex chronic conditions. A 2022 economic analysis conducted by a researcher at the Becker Friedman Institute found the value of pharmacy benefit management to exceed \$145 billion annually beyond its resource cost. Recent experience of a group of 45 BHC employers purchasing pharmacy benefits demonstrates the same, with PBMs generating millions in savings across various programs, and passing back over \$172 million in manufacturer rebates to these employers in 2023. This is a savings of approximately \$573 per employee per year. We recognize that pharmacy expenses are contributing to rising health care costs across the nation and agree that all health care intermediaries, including PBMs, should be held to high fiduciary standards. However, as written, HB 1627 will also take away important mechanisms that employers use to manage pharmacy costs and deliver robust benefit offerings for employees and family members. Any Willing PharmacyBy requiring PBMs to expand networks to include all pharmacies, HB 1627 will take away employers' ability to create custom networks to obtain competitive pricing for plan member prescriptions. With over 40,000 pharmacies across the country, employers take extreme care in making these network decisions and will conduct analyses to ensure that selected pharmacies meet the access and affordability needs of employees and their family members based on geography and utilization. This includes seeking volume discounts from independent pharmacies, mail order pharmacies, specialty drug pharmacies, and retail chains. The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, a collaboration of pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and other stakeholders, supports the use of preferred pharmacy networks as a vital tool to improve health outcomes, while controlling patient cost-sharing and total health care system expenses. Research from independent health care economists agree. As published on Yale University's "1% Solutions for Health Care Reform" website, preferred pharmacy networks were found to lower drug spending in private insurance plans by approximately 2% annually, representing a savings of \$1.34 billion. With businesses spending over \$15,700 per employee on health benefit costs each year, according to Mercer, even small percentage savings can translate to meaningful dollars for other important investments — lower employee contributions, raises, bonuses, or more jobs. Guaranteed Acquisition

CostA key tenant of America's economic marketplace is the ability for buyers and sellers to negotiate the price of goods and services. This model enables sellers to consider opportunities to lower expenses while setting a competitive price to maintain profitability. HB 1627 threatens these market forces by guaranteeing that pharmacies be reimbursed the acquisition cost of drugs, eliminating the responsibility of pharmacies to negotiate with manufacturers to acquire these drugs at the lowest cost possible. This, again, reduces competition among pharmacies and will result in higher costs for selfinsured employers (as the ultimate payer for these prescription claims) and may translate to higher premiums and copays for workers and their family members. Spread Pricing Through the practice of spread pricing, PBMs charge a higher price to a plan for a prescription and reimburse the pharmacy at a lower price, creating a spread. This is a common business practice that can be beneficial to selfinsured health plans. BHC utilizes this model by offering all Pharmacy Management Initiative participants the choice between spread and traditional plan pricing. Spread pricing puts PBMs "at risk," which generates incentive to manage plan costs more intensively, driving more efficient cost management that often creates savings for the health plan and their enrollees. If passed, HB 1627 will ban the practice of spread pricing, further limiting the ability of plan sponsors to advocate for cost savings on behalf of workers and their families. Standardized DefinitionsLegislation should not mandate definitions in business contracts. This is especially problematic in the pharmacy space where changes across industry players, the drug pipeline, and various revenue models may shift quickly and require prompt updates to PBM contracts to protect employers and patients. Employers, their legal experts, and consultants monitor PBM practices, revenue streams, and contracts closely to ensure the defined terms account for all desired access, utilization, and financial considerations. Necessary changes are negotiated during annual market check and/or procurement processes to maintain PBM accountability to their customers. Sincerely, Louise Y. ProbstExecutive Director



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The Missouri Insurance Coalition opposes HB 1627.



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