



Independent Pharmacy Alliance



Garden State Pharmacy Owners

Call-to-Action Alert (Working Together)

Ask Your Legislator to Support A3717/S728 to End PBM Retroactive Fees & Regulate GER, BER, DFER

There's never been a better time than now in New Jersey to enact policy changes that will help end PBM abuse. Working together with our pharmacy coalition partners we've set the stage for our issues with the Legislature and the NJ Department of Banking and Insurance. **Now we have to remain unified, work together and get the job done.** We hope you got to see NCPA's qAM advocacy alert for the above referenced bill. If not, go to www.ipa-rx.org and click on breaking news.

This is what the coalition partners have accomplished:

- January 2016** **MAC Transparency Signed into Law:** The MAC law, P.L.2015, c.179, requires PBMs to update MAC generic drug pricing every 7 days and provide specific wholesalers where pharmacies can purchase their products at or below MAC. We know that PBMs have not been complying with the MAC law which is why we need A3717/S728. The MAC law took effect January 2, 2018.
- January 2018** **PBM Licensing Law:** The new PBM licensing law signed by Governor Christie, P.L.2017, c.383, is a big step forward to end PBM abuse. This law gives the state regulatory authority over PBMs. PBMs will have to meet minimum standards in order to apply for licensure in New Jersey.
- September 2018** **DOBI Issues Compliance Bulletin on MAC & PBM Licensing Laws:** The NJ Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI) issued a bulletin enforcing compliance. This is a major step toward full enforcement of PBM laws. If you have any MAC violations please share them with us. A meeting with the department is pending within the next few weeks.
- September 2018** **Assembly Committee Approves Effective Rates & PBM Retroactive Fee Bill:** NJ Assembly and Senate bills A3717/S728, which would end PBM true-ups, passed out of the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. The bill would also regulate GER, BER, DFER and any other PBM reimbursement formulas. These bills are pending in the Senate Commerce Committee and Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Call Your State Legislator Now & Ask Them to Co-Sponsor A3717/S728 to End PBM Retroactive Fees

1. **Call your state legislator at (973) 371-5665.**
2. Ask to speak to a Legislative aide to express your support for the bill
3. Tell the aide that you support A3717/S728 and request that your legislator sign onto the bill as a co-sponsor
4. Tell the aide that you want the bill posted in the Senate Commerce Committee and Assembly Appropriations Committee for a vote
5. Please ask your family, friends, patients and colleagues to call!

Call the IPA Legislative Division if you have any questions at 800-575-2667.