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# PBM Case Study

## Mainline Pharmacy

## PBMs Force Closure of Nine Community Pharmacies

**Despite filling more prescriptions in 2023** than in any of its 40-plus years in business, Mainline Pharmacy **closed locations** in Harrison City, Blairsville, Ebensburg, Hastings, Portage, Davidsville, Altoona, Cresson and Nanty Glo. The pharmacy said **it lost \$350,000** over a six-week period due to being paid less from pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) than what it cost to purchase the medications.

**Example:** For a popular diabetic injectable, Mainline's cost to buy the drug is \$2,858. Reimbursement from pharmacy benefit managers is \$2,436, for a loss of \$422.



### What the Community Is Saying:

"It's terrible. The small places are gone. There's no more mom-and-pop places anymore. It's all going by the wayside."

"It's definitely going to be a huge loss for the community."

"I really liked supporting the local business. That meant a lot, honestly."

"I get to know them. They're really great people, they really are. I'm so sad for them. ... It just feels like they're letting my friends go."

Sources: Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Altoona Mirror, WPXI-TV

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