

## What They're Saying About the Need for #PBMReformNow

"Drug companies keep raising prices, but we often don't know why, because the middlemen negotiating those drug prices between your health insurance company and drug manufacturers don't have to report enough information to the Insurance Department. Those middlemen are called pharmacy benefit managers – or PBMs – and they have made record profits on the backs of Pennsylvanians. It's time to reform PBMs. We're doing our part – we need legislation to go further."

- Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro

"We need to make sure that prescription discount programs help patients get the care they desperately need, not financially benefit PBMs and insurance companies at the expense of the people they serve."

– State Sen. Judy Ward

"We need to make sure that everyone in the process, from the patient to the pharmacy to DHS, knows exactly how much is being charged, who is paying the bill, and that the contracts designed to protect us are being followed. This is a significant issue with major financial implications, which is why we are taking the extraordinary step of discussing it as the audit gets underway."

 Pennsylvania Auditor General Tim DeFoor

"When PBMs are creating problems for patients and pharmacies alike, something has to be done. And when that's obvious to Democrats and Republicans, that says something — even if it's a bitter pill for the middle man to swallow."

- Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

"There are three big PBM companies that really distort the pricing for healthcare and pharmaceuticals, specifically. They are just destroying independent and community pharmacies."

 Mark Cuban, billionaire philanthropist, host of TV's Shark Tank, and owner of a low-cost, generic pharmacy "Prescription drug costs continue to rise, despite the wave of less-expensive, generic drugs that are now available. Pharmacy benefit managers have ballooned in the shadows of the marketplace, drawing in skyrocketing profits while flexing increasing control over who may access which prescription medications."

- Former Pennsylvania Auditor General Eugene DePasquale