

Oklahoma: Restricting Audits Will Drive Up Health Care Costs for Employers and the State

Employers in Oklahoma provide prescription drug coverage for 1.74 million Oklahomans. In order to keep care affordable, employers work with PBMs, who use a number of tools to lower the cost of prescription drugs and improve health outcomes.

HB 2677 limits one of these critical tools – the ability of PBMs to perform audits on the pharmacies in their network – which would weaken protections against fraud and abuse.

WHY AUDITS ARE IMPORTANT



PBM audits ensure Oklahoma's consumers are receiving high-quality services from pharmacies.



Audits routinely uncover pharmacies operating at fake addresses, billing patients for drugs at thousands of dollars above the market price, or illegally distributing controlled substances.



Weakening protections against fraud and abuse make it more difficult to recover tens of millions of dollars in wasted prescription drug spending.

HB 2677 IS BAD FOR HEALTH CARE AND BAD FOR OKLAHOMA

State legislators should drop this bill and others seeking to limit the PBM tools that employers, consumers, and the State are relying on to drive savings and ensure access to needed medicines.

