

# Springfield: Restricting PBM Tools Will Raise Costs for Consumers, Employers + the State

Illinois employers are working hard to provide affordable health care coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic. And Illinois' budget is under enormous pressure, facing a multibillion shortfall.

As legislators work to address these crises, strengthening PBM tools can contain costs, ensure consumer access to medicines and drive savings in public health programs.

## HOW DO PBMs HELP ILLINOIS CONSUMERS AND EMPLOYERS?



Negotiate lower drug prices for Medicaid, which saved Illinois' budget nearly **\$340 million** over five years



Help employers provide affordable prescription drug coverage for nearly **6.7 million Illinoisans**, even as costs rise



Save Illinois consumers and the State **\$39 billion** over the next 10 years in **lower prescription drug costs**



Connect consumers with **affordable generic drugs**, which saved Illinoisans **\$11.6 billion** in 2019

As Springfield confronts a pandemic and economic challenges, strengthening the PBM tools that Illinois employers rely on to keep prescription drugs affordable will help consumers, employers and the State.



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