## DON'T RAISE Rx DRUG COSTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESSES AND CONSUMERS

North Carolina employers work hard to provide affordable health care coverage for employees and their families. Keeping health costs low has never been more important.

Restricting pharmacy benefits will cost millions, limit access to medicines, and undermine small businesses' ability to offer affordable pharmacy benefits in North Carolina.

North Carolina lawmakers: protect small businesses and consumers from high and rising prices for Rx drugs.

## HOW LIMITING PHARMACY BENEFITS WILL HURT NORTH CAROLINA:



Raise prescription drug costs by over \$1,000 per person per year.



Add a new fee of \$10.24 to every prescription in the state, costing the average family hundreds each year.



**Push drug costs more than \$9 billion higher** for businesses, consumers and seniors over its first 10 years.

**Push drugs further out of reach** by raising out of pocket costs and imposing government mandates.

## NC lawmakers: Protect the savings that pharmacy benefits deliver for North Carolina.



## AffordablePrescriptionDrugs.org

Sources: Visante for PCMA, <u>Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs): Generating Savings for Plan Sponsors and Consumers</u>; "Value of PBMs," <u>https://www.pcmanet.org/value-of-pbms/</u>; "North Carolina HB 246 Will Cost the State Almost \$9.2 Billion In Increased Prescription Drug Costs, PCMA