



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHAIN DRUG STORES

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Governor Laura Kelly
300 S.W. 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Governor Kelly,

On behalf of our members operating in the state of Kansas, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) writes to express our support for key provisions within Senate Bill 20 (SB 20) that were carried over from SB360, pertaining to the regulations, audits, and enforcement of pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) practices.

SB 20 includes reforms that will directly benefit community pharmacies and the patients they serve. In particular, NACDS supports the legislation's provisions that establish a clear pharmacy reimbursement methodology, eliminate unfair pharmacy reimbursement practices, enact stronger audit protections, and enhance overall pricing transparency and enforcement of PBMs. These measures are critical to ensuring that pharmacies are treated fairly and adequately and can continue to operate sustainably in an increasingly complex and challenging reimbursement environment.

Community pharmacies play a vital role in Kansas, particularly in rural and underserved areas, where they are often the most accessible health care providers. Provisions within SB 20 support the viability of pharmacies and preserve patient access to lifesaving medications and trusted, high-quality care. For example, advancing a pharmacy reimbursement framework that accounts for both the cost of acquiring medications and the professional dispensing services provided by pharmacists is fundamental to maintaining sustainable pharmacy operations and supporting services that improve medication adherence, enhance patient health outcomes, and provide convenient, community-based care.

While states across the country have taken steps to enact PBM reforms in recent years, continued progress is necessary to ensure meaningful oversight and enforcement. Kansas has demonstrated leadership in this space, and SB 20 builds on that momentum by promoting a more transparent and accountable prescription drug system. NACDS appreciates the opportunity to provide input on this legislation and respectfully requests that you sign SB 20, legislation that will strengthen audit standards and improve reimbursement transparency. These reforms are essential to protecting community pharmacies and ensuring that Kansans continue to have access to the care they depend on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven C. Anderson".

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