

May 4, 2026

Governor J. Kevin Stitt
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Support Critical PBM Reforms for Oklahomans

Dear Honorable Governor Stitt:

On behalf of our members operating in the state of Oklahoma, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) writes to request Senate Bills 1447, 1500, and 2007 – bills enacting reform for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) – be signed into law. Together these bills seek to address longstanding challenges associated with PBM marketplace manipulation and ensure that Oklahomans retain reliable, convenient access to their trusted community pharmacies.

Community pharmacies are a cornerstone of Oklahoma’s healthcare infrastructure. They serve as the most accessible healthcare providers for many residents, particularly in rural and underserved areas, offering medication access and clinical services. However, ongoing challenges with current PBM practices and their administration of pharmacy benefits have placed increasing financial strain on these pharmacies, threatening their ability to remain open and serve their communities. The aforementioned bills take critical steps forward in enacting fair and transparent PBM practices which will be fundamental to a functional and sustainable marketplace. Key bill provisions promote a more competitive and accountable PBM marketplace through transparent and fair state contracting and ensure that funds intended for patient care and pharmacy services are not diverted back to PBMs and insurance companies through opaque fee structures. The reforms addressed within the bills help prevent anti-competitive practices and pharmacies from being subject to some of the unclear or unfair terms that will help keep pharmacy doors open and ensure Oklahoma residents can receive the care they deserve.

Collectively, these bills work to improve market structure, payment integrity, and administrative fairness through enhanced PBM transparency and enforcement. NACDS strongly urges for the enactment of SB 1447, SB 1500, and SB 2007 as it helps ensure a more transparent and sustainable system for patients and healthcare providers, preserve access to essential pharmacy services for Oklahomans, and strengthen the local healthcare infrastructure. Furthermore, it will create the necessary foundation for the state to continue tackling the broader challenges facing community pharmacies, including but not limited to the existing perverse reimbursement structure, in future sessions. Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to the health and well-being of Oklahomans.

Sincerely,



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