Want to reduce prescription drug costs?

Pay attention to the middlemen.

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of prescription drug benefit transactions in the U.S.

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“According to one estimate, PBMs fail to pass $120 billion back to consumers, and retain another $30 billion in additional out-of-pocket costs.”

~ "YOU CAN BLAME PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS FOR HIGHER DRUG PRICES." REAL CLEAR HEALTH, MARCH 28, 2017
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A few prescriptions for what’s ailing health care costs:

- Plan sponsors and policy makers must demand transparency from PBMs. It is in their interest to do so.
- Help ensure PBM accountability by supporting the following legislation:
  - S. 988 and H.R. 803, the “Improving Transparency and Accuracy in Medicare Part D Drug Spending Act.”
  - S. 640/H.R. 1034, the “Phair Pricing Act.”
  - H.R. 4946, the "Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act.”
  - H.R. 5281, the “Drug Price Transparency in Medicaid Act.”
  - H.R. 1035, the “Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act.”
- Change the model: Plan sponsors should insist on a flat fee system that eliminates hidden asks.
- Leverage the expertise of community pharmacists. We can help reduce prescription drug spend and improve patient health outcomes.

READ MORE AT WWW.NCPANET.ORG/ADVOCACY

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