**Want to reduce prescription drug costs?**

**PAY ATTENTION TO THE MIDDLEMEN.**

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As of 2017

PBMs control the pharmacy benefits of more than 266 MILLION Americans.

Just 3 PBMs

—Express Scripts,
CVS Caremark, Optum—

CONTROL AS MUCH AS 89% 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.”
  - 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.

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