

2021 IPhA Professional Affairs Committee

Policy Recommendations

Incentives

Replaces HOD Policy I-B-52: Transfer Coupons (2010)

IPhA supports patients' right to choose their pharmacy without undue pressures in the form of coupons, rebates, discounts and other incentives that negatively impact patient care.

PBM Abuses

IPhA supports the following reforms to PBM legislation:

- The establishment of appropriate remuneration rules including reasonable professional dispensing fees at no less than the rate paid under the State's Medicaid fee-for-service program.
- IPhA discourages PBMs from imposing arbitrary and unfair costs, including, but not limited to, retroactive pharmacy direct and indirect remuneration fees, and charging copayments above the cost of the pharmaceutical.
- IPhA supports limiting PBM's practice of reimbursing for prescription drugs at rates below the acquisition costs for the pharmacy.
- IPhA believes in the right for every patient to choose their own provider of medications and pharmacists' services and for all pharmacists to participate in the PBMs and/or health plans of their choice under equally applied terms and conditions.
- IPhA supports fair, reasonable and constructive audits conducted by PBMs for the purpose of performance improvement, and encourages best practices that include, but are not limited to:
 - Conducting audits at a time that will not cause an unreasonable disruption to pharmacy workflow so that provision of patient care and patient safety are not impacted.
 - Limiting the number of audited prescriptions and number of on-site audits per year so that provision of patient care and patient safety are not impacted.
 - Prohibiting auditors from being paid based on the amount recouped from pharmacies.
 - Prohibiting clerical errors being used as sole justification for recoupment.
 - Requiring PBMs to pay a fee to the pharmacy for any clean claim audits.

Anti-Harassment and Abuses in Pharmacy Practice

Illinois Pharmacists Association supports the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) House of Delegates Policy entitled "Increasing Awareness and Accountability to End Harassment, Intimidation, Abuse of Power, Position or Authority in Pharmacy Practice" (2021), wherein:

1. APhA calls on all national and state pharmacy organizations, colleges/schools of pharmacy, and other stakeholders to support the development of a profession-wide effort to address harassment, intimidation and abuse of power or position.
2. APhA supports the development of a profession-wide guideline on reporting harassment, intimidation, or abuse of power or position in their pharmacy education and training, professional practice, or volunteer service to pharmacy organizations.
3. APhA recommends all pharmacy organizations incorporate harassment, intimidation, and abuse training in their member professional development and education activities.