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**Illinois Pharmacists Association
House of Delegates**

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NEW BUSINESS

(To be submitted and introduced by Delegates only)

Deadline for Submission of New Business: Thursday, October 21, 2021

Introduced by: Todd Evers

Date: 10/16/2021

Organization (if applicable): Past President

Subject: Preserving Patient Access to Pharmacist Care Services in Rural Areas

Motion:

Direct the Executive Director and leadership of Illinois Pharmacists Association to advocate with the Illinois Board of Pharmacy and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to change Joint Commission on Administrative Rules Section 1330.510 Subsection 8 C from 3 remote sites that can be supervised by 1 home pharmacist to 1 remote site that can be supervised by 1 home pharmacist.

Background:

Recently Dollar General has announced that they have hired a new Chief Medical Officer with an eye on installing telemedicine and the associated telepharmacy services in their stores. Because these stores are primarily rural and with the current Rules setup, this will eliminate 3 out of every 4 pharmacies that compete against Dollar General. Furthermore, if this is allowed to operate in this manner it will not be long until every multi store mega pharmacy chain will want to operate in this manner further eroding Pharmacist jobs and further limiting access to Pharmacists by patients in rural areas of Illinois. There is no way that a pharmacist can safely operate one "home" pharmacy and also keep an eye on 3 other "telepharmacy" sites.

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