



April 8, 2021

The Honorable Senator Sanborn Senate Chair, Representative Tepler House Chair  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
Cross Building, Room 220  
Augusta, ME 04330

**RE: LD 1115 An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications; Neither For Nor Against**

Dear Chair Sanborn, Chair Tepler, Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA), I am writing you to provide our comments neither for nor against LD 1115 (HIV prevention medications). PCMA is the national association representing pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), which administer prescription drug plans for millions of Americans with health coverage provided through large and small employers, health plans, labor unions, state and federal employee-benefit plans, and government programs.

PBMs exist to make drug coverage more affordable by aggregating the buying power of millions of enrollees through their plan sponsor/payer clients. PBMs help consumers obtain lower prices for prescription drugs through price discounts from retail pharmacies, rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers, and using lower-cost dispensing channels. Though employers, health plans, and public programs are not required to use PBMs, most choose to because PBMs help lower the costs of prescription drug coverage.

PCMA appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on LD 1115 and applaud the legislature and bill sponsor to provide coverage for an enrollee for HIV prevention drugs at the lowest cost share. However, we would request amending the language in section 4 sub-paragraph 3 for the ability for carriers to still be able to perform step therapy and prior authorization based on clinical evidence and rationale. In the case of making available PrEP on the lowest cost sharing tier, prior authorization may be needed as an operational trigger.

I again would like to thank the committee and bill sponsor's intent to improve patient care in Maine and we suggest the committee consider our proposed changes. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sam Hallemeier

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