

April 21, 2021

The Honorable Heather Sanborn  
Chair, Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Chair Sanborn and members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services:

I am writing on behalf of Northeast Pharmacy Service Corporation (NPSC) in support of LD 1450. This bill will give Maine patients greater authority over their healthcare decisions by protecting them from misleading pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) communications.

NPSC works on behalf of nearly 300 independent community pharmacies in the Northeast.

Patients are easily steered by both the content and the context (i.e. logos) of communication. Whenever patients have a choice of pharmacy, it should be required that it be made "crystal clear" to the cardholder. In this way, patients are afforded their right to choose the provider they work with most closely in the interest of their best health. The PBM's financial interests are not always aligned with the patients; best health.

For these reasons, NPSC respectfully requests your support of LD 1450. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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