



## Are Your Health Care Choices Being Made by Mail Order Pharmacies & CVS Caremark?

CVS and other Pharmacy Benefit Managers (billion-dollar pharmaceutical middlemen also known as PBMs) use private health records to force patients to use mail order pharmacies or specific pharmacies against personal preference. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is currently investigating CVS-Caremark's deceptive and anti-consumer practices. Call on Congress to support [H.R. 5234](#), The PBM Audit Reform and Transparency Act of 2010. Congress needs to:

- Prohibit a PBM from transmitting personal data to a pharmacy owned by the PBM unless the patient has chosen to fill that particular prescription at the PBM-owned pharmacy
- Prevent PBMs from mandating use of a specific pharmacy if the PBM has ownership interest in that pharmacy
- Require disclosure of PBM reimbursement methods so patients can determine whether PBMs are passing savings on to consumers or pocketing the profits

Please contact your member of the U.S. House of Representatives through the **Fight4Rx Legislative Action Center** at [www.fight4rx.org](http://www.fight4rx.org).



## Do You Value Your Access to Diabetes Testing Strips Through Medicare?

Medicare patients rely on community pharmacies to carry Medicare Part B diabetes testing supplies. New regulations could put patients at risk of losing this access. Call on Congress to support [H.R. 5235](#), The Medicare Access to Diabetes Supplies Act.

The legislation allows community pharmacies to continue supplying diabetes testing supplies to Medicare patients through an exemption from a bidding program. The current process favors large health care providers at the expense of smaller ones like community pharmacies.

Without [H.R. 5235](#), seniors may not have access to essential medical supplies. Many seniors who get these supplies from community pharmacies could be forced to travel many miles or go through mail order without the face-to-face pharmacy consultation that helps maximize health outcomes.

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