

Missouri Pharmacy Association
Legislative Day '23

7:00-8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:15-8:30 a.m. Welcome and Legislative Day Overview

*Jerry Callahan, RPh, President of Missouri Pharmacy Association
Ron Fitzwater, CAE, MBA, CEO of Missouri Pharmacy Association*

8:30-9:00 a.m. Missouri Board of Pharmacy Update

Kimberly A. Grinston, JD, Executive Director, Missouri Board of Pharmacy

9:00-11:00 a.m. Speakers Lineup

★ **Rep. Dale Wright (R-116)** ★

★ **Rep. Bennie Cook (R-142)** ★

★ **Rep. Mike Stephens (R-128)** ★

★ **Sen. Holly Rehder (R-27)** ★

★ **Josh Moore, PharmD**—Director of Pharmacy, MO HealthNet ★

★ **Loretta Boesing**—Patient Advocate ★

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lunch

11:30-12:00 a.m. Legislative Update

Jorgen Schlemeier, Lobbyist, Gamble & Schlemeier

**12:00 p.m. Transition to Missouri State Capitol
Legislative Visits**

**12:00-1:00 p.m. Student Programming
Legislative Day Debriefing Ask the Pharmacist Discussion**

**This is a tentative agenda and subject to change.*

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Vaccine Legislation

Currently, under Missouri law, protocol with a physician is required in order for a pharmacist to immunize patients. This means that if a pharmacist cannot find a physician willing to sign a vaccination administration protocol, that pharmacy will not be able to administer vaccines.

In 2020 the United States Health and Human Services department, under the PREP Act, established guidelines that authorize pharmacists to administer all ACIP & FDA independently approved Vaccines. This removed the need for protocols with a physician for a pharmacist to administer vaccines, but if these guidelines were to go away, so would the authorization for pharmacists to administer vaccines.

2020 was not the first time pharmacists have been called upon to administer vaccines to communities throughout Missouri. In 2009 during the H1N1 outbreak, pharmacists played a significant role in response to mass immunizations.

This is your story. Pharmacists have been able to administer vaccines independently under the PREP ACT since 2020. This needs to be implemented under Missouri law to increase the overall availability of healthcare to Missouri residents.

When speaking to your legislator, focus on these forms of stories when you discuss why pharmacists play an integral role in administering vaccines and ask them to SUPPORT SB 41 & HB 331.

Use these points below:

- **Pharmacists have been called upon during emergencies to immunize patients; this skill set does not disappear after the emergency.**
- **There is a lack of physicians that can sign protocols with pharmacists, further exacerbating the dearth of vaccine immunizers in various communities.**
- **HHS has found that pharmacists can independently vaccinate for ACIP vaccines, and no organization in Missouri came out against these guidelines.**
- **These bills address these issues by allowing pharmacists to administer vaccines independently.**
- **These bills are meant to open up access to care, allowing pharmacists and physicians to work together to serve patients better.**

PBM Legislation

For far too long, Pharmacy Benefit Managers have gone unchecked and have become greedy unregulated entities. They continue to squeeze money out of the pockets of patients through their contracts by redirecting patients to their pharmacies. Their underhanded tactics have caused harm to both patients and pharmacists. Patients are forced to utilize mail-order pharmacies, which play a significant role in closing pharmacies. This tactic has caused patients to lose access to one of the top trusted healthcare providers, the pharmacist.

This is the story that pharmacists see throughout the nation. They continue to struggle to provide care to their patients due to the tactics of PBMs. Pharmacists continue to fight daily to find ways to improve the overall care provided to patients but are stopped by the tactics of PBMs.

As you engage legislators, tell them YOUR story. The story of how PBMs continue to cause your patients to have a lack of access to care and the impact that their “profit before care” model has on your patients.

After telling your story, continue to engage the legislator using the talking points below, and further explain to them the current environment. Furthermore, ask them to support legislation like HB 197 to fix these problems.

PBM Talking Points

1. **PBM’s raise price of drugs**—Nearly 50 third-party reports have all come to the same conclusion—PBM’s are the primary cause of prescription drug prices rising due to the rebates they demand, forcing drug companies to increase prices to pay for higher rebates (WSJ, Bloomberg, NY Times, Businessweek, Academic Institutions, State Attorney Generals, Republican, and House Congressional Oversight Committee, Trump, Biden, and even Entrepreneur Mark Cuban—who recently launched his own generic drug program)
2. **The bill ensures transparency of the rebate “game” to the customer**, so they and the plan sponsor (employer paying for the health care plan) can better negotiate better prescription prices.
3. **The bill results in lower copays and co-insurance to patients** due to mitigating the increase of the “list” price of drugs, which requires patients to pay a greater share of the “real” price of the drug—co-insurance and copays are calculated before rebate drug price.



***Advocacy 101** Snap a pic to learn how to best communicate with Legislators, plus other helpful advocacy tips!*

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