



Member Guide

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Modernize the Iowa Pharmacy Practice Act (Pass HF 555)

Since the Iowa Pharmacy Practice Act's last complete update nearly 40 years ago, pharmacist education and training has transformed drastically. All pharmacists now graduate with a doctorate degree and training to perform clinical services in a wide variety of practice settings. IPA supports modernizing the Iowa Pharmacy Practice Act to **cut red tape, align with other healthcare practitioners** in the state, **increase professional autonomy**, and match the evolving practice of pharmacists to **improve patient access and outcomes**.

Your ASK:

- In Your Senate Meetings, ASK: Will you support HF 555 when it comes to a vote on the floor?
- In Your House Meetings, ASK: Last session HF 555 passed the House 86-10, but an amendment has been filed in the Senate. Will you support HF 555 when it comes back to the House?

Protect Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement

Across the country, state Medicaid programs and Governors look to Iowa Medicaid's prescription drug policies in managed care. Iowa Medicaid's current model utilizes a state managed survey, which prevents the abuses prevalent in private sector PBM relationships. IPA supports laws, regulations and policies that **ensure sustainable, accurate, and transparent prescription drug reimbursement under Medicaid**. This includes maintaining patient access by paying pharmacies at average acquisition cost, plus a cost of dispensing fee. IPA supports Medicaid appropriations which **fund prescription drug reimbursement, in alignment with the most recent state managed survey** (\$10.97 per prescription, \$2.4 million total).

Your ASK:

- Will you ask your colleagues to fund Iowa Medicaid pharmacy reimbursement at a \$10.97 per prescription in the end-of-year appropriation bill?

Prevent Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Abuses

Pharmacies in Iowa risk unprecedented rates of closure due to unfair and predatory PBM practices. The unanimous passage of PBM reform during the 2022 legislative session is an encouraging step in the regulation of nontransparent PBM practices in Iowa, but more must be done to **maintain access to critical pharmacy services**. IPA supports continued collaboration with the Iowa Insurance Division and Iowa Legislature to **protect patients against PBM abuses** and **ensure pharmacy viability**.

Your ASK:

- Will you support PBM reform legislation to protect patients?

