## **Table of State Regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs)**

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State	Law	Relevant Provisions	Effective Date
Arkansas	Title 9 Chapter 88 Sec. 801-804	• Requires PBMs to itemize by individual claim the amount actually paid to the pharmacy or pharmacist, the identity of the pharmacy, and an identifier of the pharmacist services.	4/2/2009
Arkansas	Public Act No. 1007	<ul> <li>PBM shall not: <ul> <li>a) interfere with the exercise of professional responsibilities to a patient by a pharmacist and shall not take any retaliatory actions against a pharmacist/pharmacy because of the exercise of such responsibility;</li> <li>b) terminate a contract with a pharmacy;</li> <li>c) terminate, suspend, or otherwise limit the participation of a pharmacy/pharmacist in a PBM's provider network;</li> <li>d) audit a pharmacy/pharmacist.</li> </ul> </li> <li>PBM shall not engage in or interfere with the practice of medicine or intervene in the practice of medicine between a prescriber of medicine and the prescriber's patients.</li> </ul>	4/1/2011
Connecticut	Public Act No. 07-200	<ul> <li>PBM must obtain a certificate of registration from the Insurance Department.</li> <li>PBM must complete an application form which must include the name and address for an agent for service of process, pay a fee and provide evidence of a surety bond.</li> <li>PBM operating as a line of business or affiliate of a health insurer or other entity does not have to obtain a certificate of registration but must provide annual notification to the Commissioner of its status.</li> <li>Registration may be denied and a hearing process is provided for an Appeal.</li> <li>Commissioner has the authority to suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew for conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the public or the commissioner, unfair or deceptive business practices or nonpayment of renewal fee.</li> </ul>	1/1/2008

District of	Title 48, Subtitle	Requires a PBM to act as a fiduciary.	9/16/2006
Columbia	II, Chapter 8A,	PBM must perform its duties with care, skill, prudence and diligence	
	Subchapter II.	• Requires the PBM to notify the covered entity in writing of any practice that is a	
	7	conflict of interest.	
		Requires any payments/benefits that a PBM receives from a drug manufacturer or	
		labeler based on volume of sales or market share must be paid in full to the covered	
		entity; however covered can agree to return a portion of the benefit or payment to the	
		PBM	
		• Upon request by the covered entity, the PBM must provide information on all	
		rebates, discounts and other similar payments.	
		• Upon request by the covered entity, the PBM must disclose all financial terms and	
		arrangements for remuneration of any kind between the PBM and a drug manufacturer	
		or labeler including formulary management, drug substitution programs, educational	
		support claims processing and data sales fees.	
		PBM may designate the information provided as confidential.	
		If a PBM substitutes another prescription drug for a prescribed drug and if the	
		substitute drug costs more than the prescribed drug, the PBM must disclose the costs of	
		both drugs and any benefit or payment directly or indirectly that accrues to the PBM as	
		a result of the substitution. Any benefit or payment received as a result of the	
		substitution must be transferred in full to the covered entity.	
		• Violations are subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000.	
Georgia	Title 26, Chapter	• Requires a PBM to be licensed as a pharmacy, with a few exceptions, if it provides	5/22/2002
	26-4.110.1	the services of benefits that constitute the practice of pharmacy.	
		• If the PBM is licensed then the Board can inspect its premises whether they are	
		located within or outside the state.	
Georgia	Title 33, Chapter	• Provides for license requirements and filing fees for PBMs and requires a surety bond	6/2/2010
	64	Provides that a pharmacy benefit manager shall not engage in the practice of	
		medicine	
		Makes certain audit requirements applicable to pharmacy benefit managers	
		To provide that a pharmacy benefits managers shall not have no be licensed as an	
		administrator	

Indiana	Indiana Code	Provides pharmacists procedural protections against audits initiated by PBMs	7/1/2009
	25-26-22	PBM must provide description of audit procedures in audit contract	
		• Pharmacy must be given at least two weeks written notice in advance of an onsite	
		audit	
		• Auditor may not interfere with pharmacist-delivered services to patients and must	
		minimize disruption of pharmacy operations	
		• If clinical or professional judgment is required audit must be conducted by or in	
		consultation with a pharmacist	
		• Pharmacy may use records of a hospital, physician, or other health practitioners to	
		validate a prescription for a legend drug	
		Period covered by audit cannot exceed 24 months from the date the claim	
		wassubmitted to or adjudicated by PBM	
		PBM must permit pharmacy to electronically resubmit claims disputed by the audit	
		• Unless consented to by the pharmacy, the audit cannot take place during the first 5	
		days of the month	
		• On-site auditor may not be paid based on percentage of amount recovered, resulting	
		from the audit	
		• Preliminary audit report must be delivered within 90 days after the conclusion of the	
		audit	
		• Final report must be delivered within 120 days after the preliminary audit is received	
		by the pharmacy or if a final appeal is filed, after a determination is made	
		• Recoupment of claims must be based on actual overpayment or underpayment, not	
		extrapolation –final audit report must be distributed prior to recoupment	

Iowa	Title XIII	PBM must obtain a certificate as a third party administrator	1/1/2008
	Commerce	PBM must perform its duties exercising good faith and fair dealing	
	Subtitle 1	PBM must notify the covered entity in writing of any conflicts	
	Insurance and	PBM cannot contact a covered individual without permission of the covered entity	
	Related	PBM cannot require more stringent record keeping than that required by state or	
	Regulation	Federal law or regulation	
	Chapter 510B.1	• PBM must notify the pharmacy when it receives notice from a covered entity of a	
	-510B.9	contract cancellation within 10 working days	
		Within three business days of a price increase notification by a manufacturer or	
		supplier the PBM must adjust its payment to the pharmacy consistent with the price	
		increase	
		Commissioner must enforce the provisions and adopt rules concerning timely	
		payment of pharmacy claims and a process for adjudication of complaints and	
		settlement of disputes between a PBM and a pharmacy related to auditing practices and	
		termination of pharmacy agreements	
		• Legislative Council is directed to establish an interim committee on PBMs to review	
		transparency, disclosure, confidentiality protections, ability of covered entities to audit	
		PBMs and appropriate remedies for covered entities to enforce the provisions in the Act	

Kansas	Chapter 154	Requires PBMs to obtain a valid certificate of registration issued by the insurance	4/28/2006
	Pharmacy	commissioner in order to operate in the state	
	Benefits	PBM must file an application form which includes:	
	Manager	a) Name, address, official position and professional qualification of each	
	Registration Act	individual who is responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the PBM,	
		including all members of the board of directors, board of trustees, executive	
		committee, other governing board or committee, the principal officers in case	
		of corporation, the partners or members in the case of a partnership or	
		association and any other person who exercises control or influence over the	
		affairs of the PBM	
		b) Name and address of the applicant's agent for service of process in the state	
		c) A nonrefundable application fee of \$140	
		• Registration expires on March 31st of each year and the renewal fee is \$140	
		If the fee is not paid the registration may be revoked or suspended	
		• PBMs must register within 90 days after the effective date of the act	
		Insurance commissioner may adopt rules	
		• If a PBM acts without registering, it will be subject to a fine of \$500 per violation	
Kentucky	Chapter 304,	Pharmacy must be given at least thirty days written notice of an audit	3/24/2009
	Subtitle 17A,	If clinical or professional judgment is required audit must be conducted by or in	
	Sections 1-5	consultation with a pharmacist	
		• Pharmacy may use records of a hospital, physician, or other authorized practitioner to validate the pharmacy record	
		• Recoupment of claims must be based on actual overpayment unless it is part of a settlement with the pharmacy	
		Period covered by audit cannot exceed two years from the date the claim was	
		submitted unless federal law allows a longer period or there is evidence of fraud	
		• Unless consented to by the pharmacy, the audit cannot take place during the first 7	
		days of the month	
		• Preliminary audit report must be delivered within 120 days after the conclusion of the	
		audit – final report must be delivered in 6 months	
		• Following receipt of preliminary audit report, the pharmacy may take 30 days to	
		produce documentation in response to discrepancies	
		• Final audit report must provide claim-level detail of amounts and reasons for each	

		<ul> <li>claim recovery</li> <li>Auditor may not be paid based on percentage of amount recovered, resulting from the audit</li> <li>Exit interview to provide pharmacy an opportunity to respond to questions, comment and clarify findings must be done at end of audit – time of interview must be agreed to by pharmacy</li> <li>Pharmacy must be provided written instruction of appeals process for final audit report</li> <li>If unsubstantiated audits discovered following appeal, they are dismissed without further proceeding.</li> <li>Auditor may not collect disputed funds until audit process, including appeals, is completed</li> </ul>	5/12/2002
Maryland	Title 15, Subtitle 10B, Section 15-10B-20	<ul> <li>Requires the Insurance Department to conduct an examination of any PBM registered as a private review agent at least once every three years.</li> <li>Requires the Commissioner to issue a report based on the examinations.</li> </ul>	5/13/2003

Maryland	Subtitle 16,	Prior to entering into a contract, the PBM must inform the purchaser that the PBM	10/1/2008
	Sections 15-	may solicit and received manufacturer payments, pass through or retain those payments	
	1601 et seq	depending on the contract terms, sell aggregate utilization information and share	
		aggregate utilization information with other entities.	
		PBM must offer to provide to the purchaser a report that contains net revenue and	
		manufacturer payments.	
		• If a purchaser has a rebate sharing agreement, the PBM must offer to provide a repot	
		fore each fiscal quarter and each fiscal year that contains information on the net	
		revenues, prescription drug expenditures, manufacturer payments and rebates.	
		PBM may require purchaser to sign a nondisclosure agreement prior to releasing	
		information.	
		Ability of Attorney General or Insurance Commissioner to obtain information and	
		use the information in any proceedings not affected by this section.	
		• PBM must disclose at the time of contracting with a pharmacist and at least 30 days	
		before any contract change: the terms of reimbursement, process for verifying benefits	
		and beneficiary eligibility, dispute resolution and audit appeals process and procedures	
		for verifying drugs included on the formularies used by the PBM.	
		• PBM may not schedule an onsite audit to begin during the first 5 calendar days of a	
		month unless requested by the pharmacist.	
		• PBM must use a pharmacist if the audit requires clinical or professional judgment.	
		All pharmacies in the network must be audited under the same standards and	
		parameters.	
		Audit limited to claims submitted or adjudicated within the 2 year period	
		immediately preceding the audit.	
		• Extrapolation audits are prohibited unless the pharmacist agrees to projected	
		overpayments or denials as part of a settlement agreement.	
		• PBM must establish an internal appeals process for disputed audit claims.	
		• PBM must follow certain procedures for the timing of audit reports and payment of	
		amounts due as a result of the audit.	
		• PBM may not request a therapeutic interchange unless certain criteria are met unless	
		the proposed interchange is for medical reasons that benefit the beneficiary or it will	
		result in financial savings and benefits to the purchaser or the beneficiary.	
		• PBM must follow disclose certain information to the prescriber when the PBM	

solicits the prescriber to make an interchange.

- If PBM receives payment from a manufacturer for making the interchange that payment must be disclosed to the prescriber at the time of the solicitation.
- If an interchange occurs, the PBM must provide certain information to the beneficiary.
- PBM must maintain a toll free number for prescribers, pharmacists and beneficiaries.
- PBM must register with the Insurance Commissioner and renew registration every 2 years.
- Commissioner may suspend, deny, revoke or refuse to renew a registration, PBM subject to administrative penalties.
- PBM may not ship, mail or deliver drugs through a non-resident pharmacy unless it holds a pharmacy permit from the Board of Pharmacy.
- Establishes requirements for a pharmacy and therapeutics (P&T) committee established by a PBM.
- Members of a P&T committee must sign a conflict of interest statement.
- A majority of the P&T committee members must be practicing physicians or pharmacist.
- PBM must have policies and procedures including disclosure requirements to address potential conflicts of interest and a process to evaluate medical and scientific evidence concerning the safety and effectiveness of prescription drugs.
- PBM may not require a pharmacist to participate on the P&T committee.

Mississippi	Title 73, Chapter	• Requires PBMs to file financial statements with the state Insurance Department.	6/30/2006
wississippi	21, Sections 73-	PBMs must use a nationally recognized reference in pricing calculations when	0/30/2000
	21-151-159	reimbursing pharmacies and must update that reference no less than every three	
	21 131 137	business days.	
		• Clean claims filed electronically must be paid within 15 days (not later than 35 days	
		if filed as a paper claim).	
		The Board of Pharmacy shall monitor PBMs for compliance with the law and is	
		authorized to subject PBMs to administrative penalties or noncompliance.	
North	Chapter 26.1-27	Defines a PBM as an administrator and requires PBM to be registered as an	8/1/2005
Dakota	Chapter 20.1-27	administrator.	0/1/2003
Dakota		Requires disclosure of ownership interest in the PBM by an insurer or a	
		pharmaceutical manufacturer.	
		<ul> <li>Requires the PBM to notify the Commissioner in writing within five business days of</li> </ul>	
		any material change in the PBM's ownership.	
		<ul> <li>Requires PBM to comply with statutory provisions concerning substitution of one</li> </ul>	
		drug for another.	
		PBM may not exclude an otherwise qualified pharmacy from its network if the	
		pharmacy accepts the terms, conditions and reimbursement rates of the PBM's contract.	
		<ul> <li>PBM may not require a pharmacist or pharmacy to participate in one contract in</li> </ul>	
		order to participate in another contract.	
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		• PBM must offer to the covered entity contracting options that must include: a transaction fee without a sharing of a payment received by the	
		PBM, a combination of transaction fee and a sharing of the payment received by the	
		PBM or a transaction fee based on the covered entity receiving all of the benefits of	
		payments received by the PBM.	
		• Agreement between the PBM and the covered entity must include a provision	
		allowing the covered entity to audit the PBM's books, accounts and records as	
		necessary to confirm that the benefit of a payment received by the PBM is being shared	
		as required by the contract.	
		• During an examination of a covered entity, the Commissioner may examine any	
		contracts between the covered entity and the PBM in order to determine whether	
		payments received from the PBM are being applied to reduce the covered entity's rates or have been distributed to covered individuals.	
		or have been distributed to covered individuals.	

		<ul> <li>Covered entity must disclose annually the benefits of the payments received and describe how the benefits received were applied towards reducing rates or distributed to covered individuals.</li> <li>Any information disclosed to the Commissioner is considered a trade secret.</li> <li>Legislative Council was directed to study the PBM industry and make a report and recommendations, together with legislation required to implement the recommendations to the next assembly.</li> </ul>	
Rhode Island	27-29.1	<ul> <li>Includes PBMs in the definition of third-party administrator under chapter 20.7 and thus requires filing of an annual report</li> <li>Annual report filed by third-party administrators with the department of business regulation shall include: contractual language that provides a complete description of the financial arrangements between the third-party administrator and each of the insurers covering benefit contracts delivered in Rhode Island</li> <li>If the third-party administrator is owned by or affiliated with another entity or entities, it shall include an organization chart and brief description which shows the relationships among all affiliates within a holding company or otherwise affiliated</li> <li>Report must be in a format required by the director and filed with the department as a public record.</li> </ul>	7/5/2004

South	Chapter 58-29E	Requires PBMs to be licensed as a third party administrator.	3/9/2004
Dakota		• Requires PBM to perform its duties by exercising good faith and fair dealing toward	
		the covered entity.	
		• Gives the covered entity the option to request information from the PBM on rebate	
		revenues and retrospective utilization discounts.	
		• Gives the covered entity the option to request information on the nature, type and	
		amount of all other revenue received from a pharmaceutical manufacturer or labeler for	
		programs that the covered entity offers to its enrollees.	
		Prohibits a PBM from contacting a covered individual without express written	
		permission of the covered entity.	
		• Provides that information disclosed to the covered entity shall be confidential and	
		proprietary information; however insurance department may request information but it	
		will be considered confidential and privileged and not open to public inspection or	
		disclosure.	
		• Provides that the covered entity may audit the PBM's records as they relate to rebates	
		and other information described in this Chapter.	
		• Prescription may be substituted if it is a lower priced generic or if the substitution is	
		for medical reasons but PBM must obtain prior approval from the prescriber.	
		Allows the Division of Insurance to promulgate rules.	
Tennesse	Titles 56 and 63	• If PBM uses a nationally recognized reference to calculate reimbursement then the	7/1/2007
		PBM must use the most current reference price or amount	
		• Requires PBMs to provide timely updates to pharmacy product pricing files used to	
		calculate prescription prices and reimburse pharmacies. Files must be updated no less	
		than every 3 business days.	
Tennesse	Title 56, Chap. 7	• Specifies that when PBMs provide patients information regarding out-ofpocket costs,	1/1/2010
	Sec. 3201-3205	such as co-pay, for a prescription or service, they must provide the patient the actual	
		reimbursement	
		• Prohibits PBMs from restricting pharmacies from disclosing to patients the actual	
		reimbursement for a particular prescription or covered service	

Texas	Chap. 2158,	• Requires state agencies to disclose information relating to amounts charged by PBMs	9/1/2009
	Subchapter H	for PBM services provided under prescription drug programs information must be	
		provided within 30 days of request	
		• Provides that in awarding contracts to provide PBM services the board of trustees of	
		the Employee Retirement System of Texas is not required to select the lowest bid but	
		must meet certain criteria – includes, contract that must state board of trustees ability to	
		audit PBM, entitlement to access PBM cost and service information during audit, define	
		information	
		• PBM must provide related to pharmacy audits, and required independent auditing of	
		mail order pharmacies owned by the PBM	
		Prohibits mail order requirement for prescription drug coverage	
		Requires PBMs to allow enrollees to obtain a multiple-month supply of any	
		prescription drug from a community pharmacy under same terms and conditions as	
		when purchased through a mail-order pharmacy – community pharmacy must accept	
		same reimbursement that applies to a mail-order pharmacy	
		PBMs must reimburse pharmacies for both brand and generic drugs using	
		reimbursement rates based on current and nationally recognized benchmark indices that	
		include AWP and MAC.	
Utah	49-20-501 et seq	• When the Utah State Retirement Board issues a request for proposals for a PBM to	3/21/2011
		provide pharmacy benefits management services for the Public Employee's Benefit and	
		Insurance Program, the RFP shall provide each responder with:	
		1) The option to include among the billing options proposed	
		2) A billing option that requires the PBM to on a monthly basis submit to the	
		board an invoice for all pharmacy services paid by the PBM on behalf of the	
		program. Such invoice shall detail:	
		a) The total amount due to the PBM for all pharmacy services	
		b) The total amount paid by the PBM for the same pharmacy services	

Vermont	Title 18, Chapter	PBM must discharge its duties with reasonable care and diligence and be fair and	7/1/2007
	221, Sections	truthful	
	9421, 9471-9473	PBM must provide notice to a health insurer that the following terms may be	
		included in its contract with the PBM: (1) all financial and utilization information	
		requested by the insurer relating to the provision of benefits to beneficiaries through that	
		insurer's health plan (information may be designated as confidential); (2) notify the	
		insurer of any proposed or ongoing activity that, directly or indirectly, poses a conflict	
		of interest; (3) if a substitute drug is to be dispensed which costs more than the	
		prescribed drug and the PBM receives a payment or benefit then the cost of both drugs	
		and the benefit or payment must be disclosed; (4) if PBM derives any benefit based on	
		volume of sales for certain drugs or classes or brands of drugs, that payment or benefit	
		must be passed on in full to the health insurer; and (5) disclose all financial terms and	
		arrangement for remuneration of any kind that apply between the PBM and the drug	
		manufacturer including formulary management and drug-switch programs, educational	
		support, claims process and pharmacy network fees charged from retail pharmacies and	
		data sales fees (information may be designated as confidential).	
		PBM must register before doing business in the state	
		PBM must notify health insurers that they are entitled to a quote for an	
		administrative-services-only (ASO) contract with full pass through of negotiated prices,	
		rebates and other such financial benefits which would identify to the insurer external	
		sources of revenue and profit generally available and whether the PBM offers that type	
		of arrangement.	
		• In order to verify the pricing arrangements of ASO contracts, the PBM must allow	
		access to the Commissioner to conduct an audit	
		• Department's expenses in conducting the audit must be paid by the PBM	
		• Applies to all contracts executive or renewed on or after September 1, 2007.	