



Pharmacy Allies Transforming Healthcare

PATH (Pharmacy Allies Transforming Healthcare) is a newly formed coalition whose aim is to empower community pharmacies to chart a better path for healthcare in America. PATH brings together pharmacies, benefits plan sponsors and their advisors, policymakers, and other healthcare stakeholders to advocate for the essential role pharmacy care plays in ensuring the health and well-being of patients and communities.

PATH is working to build a national consensus around breaking the stranglehold that the largest pharmacy benefits management (PBM) companies have on the nation's pharmacy care sector. The anti-competitive and self-dealing business practices of these legacy PBMs harm both patients and benefits plan sponsors by inflating prescription drug prices and forcing a growing number of vital community pharmacies nationwide to go out of business.

According to the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), more than 5,800 pharmacies have closed since 2018. As a result, an estimated 45% of US counties are now considered to be pharmacy deserts, meaning that rural residents have to drive an average of 85 minutes round-trip to reach the nearest pharmacy.

PATH was founded by EmpiRx Health, the leading pharmacy care company that puts pharmacists at the center of the PBM service model. EmpiRx Health believes that pharmacies should be supported and empowered, not threatened with extinction. Through PATH, EmpiRx Health is helping to build a national movement around advancing PBM reform legislation to improve patient health outcomes, lower the costs of prescription drugs, and elevate the critical role of community pharmacies and their pharmacists.

**To learn more and become a member of the PATH coalition,
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