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The Honorable Senator Giessel
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
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Re: SB38: Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Auditing of Pharmacy Records

The Alaska Board of Pharmacy at its March meeting via teleconference, voted unanimously in favor of supporting Senate Bill 38 (An act establishing oversight for pharmacy benefits managers (PBM) including procedures and guidelines for auditing pharmacy records transparency of reimbursement/pricing methodology, and providing for an effective date). The Board feels that with 34 other states having established some form of oversight regarding PBM's, auditing practices, and pricing transparency, it is time Alaska follows through and adopts similar practice standards to help protect not only our pharmacies in the state, but the patients they serve. We ask this bill enacted in its current form and without delay.

Sincerely,
Leif Holm, PharmD
Chair, Alaska Board of Pharmacy

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Donna Bellino
Licensing Examiner

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