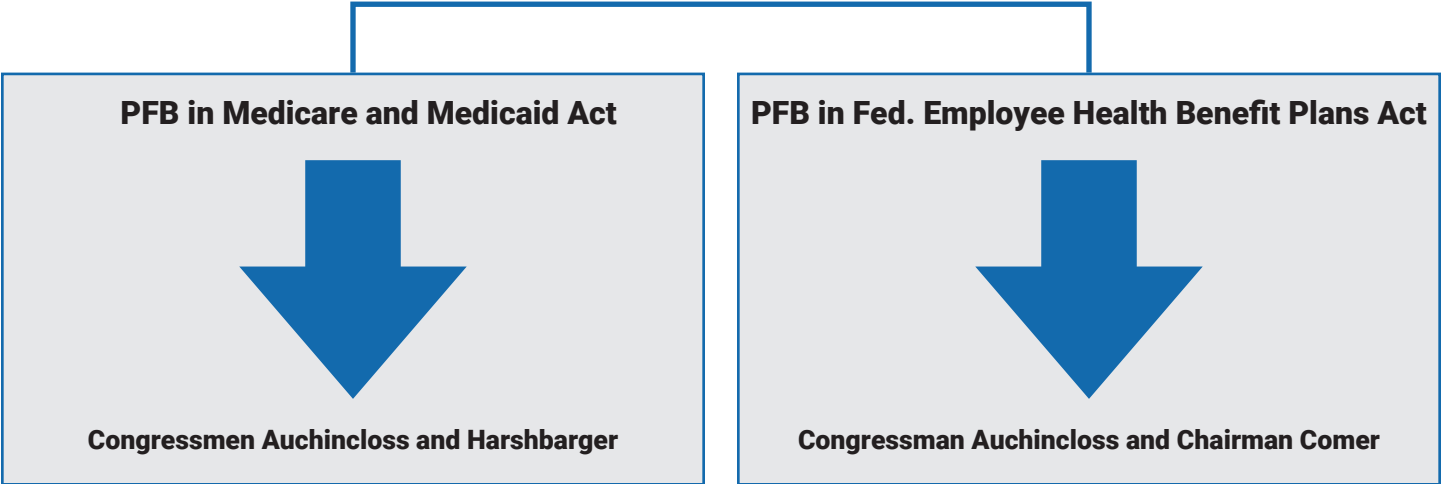


END UNFAIR PBM PRACTICES HARMING INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES AND THEIR PATIENTS: SUPPORT *THE PHARMACISTS FIGHT BACK ACT* **X2**

First introduced in 2024, the *Pharmacists Fight Back Act* set a “gold standard” in meaningful PBM reform and quickly garnered strong bipartisan support with 55 cosponsors consisting of 29 Republicans and 27 Democrats, including the bill’s author.

For 2025/2026, *The Pharmacists Fight Back Act* returns as two companion bills, collectively referred to as **PFB X2**.



The Problem: PBMs are leveraging their position as federal contractors/subcontractors to act as price setters, manipulate markets, and engage in unfair practices that pad their profits while harming independent and other retail pharmacies, patients, and taxpayers.

Simple Solutions: While PBM practices are opaque and complex, the solutions provided in **PFB X2** offer sensible and simple solutions that will lower costs for patients at the pharmacy counter while paying retail pharmacies transparently and fairly.

UNFAIR PBM PRACTICE	PFB X2 Solution	PFB X2 Impact
Drug pricing manipulation	Market Based Index Pricing: NADAC + state Medicaid dispensing fee + 4%	Fair and predictable reimbursement for pharmacies, aligns drug prices across pharmacies, patients, and payors, and ends massive PBM markups at PBM owned pharmacies
Patient steering to PBM pharmacies	Restores patient choice: Prohibits PBM practices that steer patients to PBM-owned pharmacies	Restores patient freedom to use a pharmacy of their choice and increases access to care
PBM rebate practices	Shared savings: Requires PBMs to share a portion of drug manufacturer rebates directly with patients at the pharmacy counter. Any remaining rebates must be used to reduce plan premiums	Returns billions of dollars to patients at the pharmacy counter. Improves medication adherence and patient outcomes (similar to a West Virginia law that suppressed premium growth)
Enforcement	Robust Enforcement: Contemplates strict penalties and robust enforcement mechanisms to ensure maximum PBM compliance with the new regulations	Ensures the new reforms are implemented effectively and prevents PBMs from circumventing the law