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Rep. Robyn Vining Applauds Passage of Pharmacy Benefit Manager Bill

MADISON - Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly voted on Senate Bill 3, a bill that provides greater Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) transparency and accountability. This bill institutes specific transparency requirements so that patients can access information about financing PBMs receive from drug manufacturers. It also prohibits PBMs from stopping pharmacists from informing patients of a lower-cost option to purchase their medication. This bill passed the State Assembly unanimously, and with a single no vote in the State Senate. State Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) issued the following statement in support:

"As a member of the Assembly Committee on Health and co-sponsor of this bill, I believe this reform is a needed step toward affordable prescriptions in Wisconsin. Pharmacy Benefit Managers have a lot of power over patient access to medication because they determine which drugs patients can access, which pharmacies patients can use, and how much patients pay in drug costs. Individuals deserve to have all the information they need to make informed decisions about their prescriptions. This bill allows Wisconsinites to be more informed about the cost of prescription drugs, which may help them find lower cost options.

"Since I was elected, I have advocated for affordable prescriptions and healthcare. No family should have to make the impossible choice between necessary medications and their groceries, rent, or childcare. I am encouraged by this step forward, and will continue to work towards a Wisconsin where everyone has access to the prescriptions and healthcare they deserve and need."

Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee. For more information, visit Rep. Vining's website here.

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