



Pharmacy Bill Tracking Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report -Jan. 11, 2023

House and Senate committees will allow for both in-person and remote participation.

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- [How to Testify in Committee](#)
- [Senate Committee Sign In](#)
- [House Committee Sign In](#)

High Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
SB 5213	Pharmacy benefit managers	<p>Concerning pharmacy benefit managers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removes PBMs from the existing health care benefit managers chapter and creates a new stand-alone PBM regulation chapter. The new chapter includes the same registration requirements as health care benefit managers and new regulations specific to PBMs.• Defines PBM broadly as an entity that “administers or manages a pharmacy benefits plan or program under a contractual obligation.” This is designed to regulate the PBM directly regardless of whether the contract is with a state-regulated plan or a self-funded plan.• Prohibits a number of activities including requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies (except for specialty drugs), spread pricing, excluding pharmacies for the network based on the pharmacy being new, or requiring a patient to pay more for a drug than the PBM reimburses the pharmacy.• Requires a number of activities including allowing pharmacies to decline to fill a prescription if the PBM reimburses a pharmacy less than the acquisition cost, requiring the same copay and fees of patients regardless of which network pharmacy a covered person uses, and covering audible prescription labels for persons with vision impairment.	S Health & Long	Kuderer	Support

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires PBMs to receive affirmative authorization from a covered person before filling a prescription through a mail order pharmacy. Provides protections for persons using mail-order pharmacies when their prescription does not arrive. <p>WSPA NOTE: This is our PBM bill.</p>			
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Other Bills

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HB 1011	Long-term care/repeal	Repealing the long-term services and supports trust program. Beginning July 1, 2023, all employees who work in Washington, will pay .058% of their wages. Excludes individual who have purchased a private long term care insurance policy and has received an exemption. The maximum benefits a person may receive under the LTC services and supports trust program is \$36,500.	H HC/Wellness	Abbarno	
HB 1027 (SB 5036)	Audio-only telemedicine	Concerning telemedicine. Moves carrier reimbursement for providers for health care services 6 months. January 1, 2024 moved to July 1, 2024	H HC/Wellness	Riccelli	
HB 1041	Prescribing psychologists	A psychologist who is licensed may apply for certification as a prescribing psychologist to allow the psychologist to exercise prescriptive The board of psychology shall certify an applicant as a prescribing psychologist if the applicant demonstrates to the board, that the applicant: (a) Holds a current license as a psychologist; (b) Holds a doctorate degree (c) Has successfully completed a master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology (d) Has successfully completed a supervised clinical experience physical assessment of no less than 80 hours. Clinical experience must be supervised by a medical provider licensed to conduct independent physical assessments including physical examinations (e) Has completed a clinical prescribing fellowship to obtain clinical experience in the psychopharmacological treatment of diverse patient population under the supervision of qualified practitioners, to be comprised of no less than 500 hours and 100 individual patients. Qualified supervisors are licensed health care providers with specialized training and experience in the management of psychotropic medication licensed in WA or	H HC/Wellness	Bateman	

		pursuant to a substantially equivalent licensing provision of the law of another state, including physicians, osteopathic physicians, psychiatric nurse practitioners, or prescribing psychologists; and (f) Has passed an examination relevant to establishing competence for prescribing as developed by a nationally recognized organization and approved by the board. When prescribing psychotropic medication for a patient, a prescribing psychologist must maintain an ongoing collaborative relationship with health care practitioner who oversees the patient's general medical care. A prescribing psychologist may not prescribe opioid medications. Must comply w/state and federal. Must maintain Rx records in patients record			
HB 1073	Medical assistants	Concerning medical assistants.	H HC/Wellness	Harris	
HB 1119 (SB 5121)	Health care oversight cmte.	Extending the expiration date of the joint select committee on health care oversight from Dec. 2022 to Dec. 2026	H HC/Wellness	Riccelli	
HB 1242	Behavioral health work group	Creating a behavioral health work group to study the root causes of rising behavioral health issues in Washington communities.	H HC/Wellness	Dent	
SB 5066	Health care benefit managers	Concerning health care benefit managers. Makes technical change to clarify that the HCBM must file the contracts they have w/the health carrier.	S Health & Long	Short	
SB 5121 (HB 1119)	Health care oversight cmte.	Extending the expiration date of the joint select committee on health care oversight.	S Health & Long T	Cleveland	
SB 5142	HIV medication rebate rev.	Creating an account for the pharmaceutical rebate revenue generated by the purchase of medications for people living with HIV who are enrolled in the early intervention program.	S Health & Long	Lias	
SB 5163	Medicaid fraud false claims	Removing the sunset provisions on the medicaid fraud false claims act.	S Law & Justice	Rivers	
SB 5179	Death with dignity act	Increasing access to the provisions of the Washington death with dignity act. Removes physician and replaces w/"Qualified medical provider" means a physician a physician assistant licensed or an advanced registered nurse.	S Health & Long	Pedersen	
SB 5181	Medical assistants	Allows an applicant applying for certification as a medical assistant phlebotomist or a hemodialysis tech to work for 180 days after the application has been filed. Expands duties for medical assistant to include using certain diagnostic testing and	S Health & Long	Cleveland	

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		administering certain medications for intramuscular injections. Amends the supervision level required from physically present and immediately available in the facility to immediately available during certain procedures involving administering vaccines, and obtaining specimens for or performing diagnostic testing.			
SB 5189	Behavioral health support	Establishing behavioral health support specialists.	S Health & Long	Trudeau	
SB 5194	Insurance commissioner	Rendering the Washington state insurance commissioner an appointed position.	S State Govt & E	Mullet	

Upcoming Events

Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/12 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5036](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning telemedicine. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5121](#) - Public Hearing - Extending the expiration date of the joint select committee on health care oversight. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5181](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning medical assistants. (Remote Testimony Available).

Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/13 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1041](#) - Public Hearing - Authorizing the prescriptive authority of psychologists. (Remote Testimony Available).

2023 Pharmacy Days on the Hill – Olympia, Washington

- January 25
- February 13
- March 27