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Ms. Whitney,

The Arkansas Insurance Department (AID) began regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Mangers (PBM's) with Act 1 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. This created Arkansas Code 23-92-501 thru 23-92-510. This was also amended with Act 994 in 2019.

Most recently, March 23, 2020 Bulletin # 8-2020, The Arkansas Insurance Department suspended random audits of pharmacies.

The original law with the amendment, prohibits all transaction fees of pharmacies by the PBM's without prior approval of the AID. This law also prevents anything lower than NADAC being paid to any pharmacy.

If you have any specific complaints from pharmacies in Arkansas, they should be directed to contact me directly, as we have a complaint process from pharmacies in place. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly.

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