

Hi Representative Ancel -

Your committee asked for our position on the 2 versions of the PBM language. The Senate bill creates a study about the state creating its own PBM. The House bill provides transparency into aggregate price differentials and prompt payment.

The administration hasn't prioritized pursuing PBM issues due to the past efforts in Vermont, however, we are supportive of transparency and prompt payment efforts.

The study is duplicative of past work in the state, I believe. Devon is trying to track down the previous studies. In addition, there was a nonprofit PBM in the 90s, which was created at legislative direction. That nonprofit PBM got off the ground, but ultimately was not successful and didn't stay in business. Given that prior experience, combined with the general reluctance to create new state positions, a study on this topic doesn't seem fruitful at this time.

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