Thank you for taking a moment to talk to your Legislators about these pharmacy bills. Here are some facts and talking points in which you could use when discussing the bills.

When sending a note, please reference the Bill number and be sure to sign your letter with your address or legislative district number so the legislator knows that you are in their district.

SF-0129 - Medicaid Coverage-licensed pharmacist.

* This bill allows pharmacists to be paid, by Medicaid, for the professional and clinical services that pharmacists are delivering, for example MTM, executing Collaborative Practice agreements, and Point-of-sale testing are the main services at this point.
* The Wyoming Pharmacy Practice Act currently allows for these services to be delivered to patients, however reimbursement from Medicaid can not be made directly to pharmacists for these services.
* There is currently a primary care provider shortage and pharmacists are capable of filling this need, especially with their assistance in chronic disease state management such as diabetes, hypertension, and hypercholesterolemia.
* Pharmacists have had success throughout the country in handling smoking cessation and weight management programs, both issues that cause great health care spending.
* 90% of the nation’s $3.5 Trillion in health care expenditures are related to chronic and mental health conditions.
* 50% of people with chronic diseases do not take their medications correctly.
* The Wyoming Department of Health, through the Chronic Disease Management Program, has multiple programs available to patients but pharmacist’s participation is limited due to the inefficient compensation system.
* Multiple studies throughout the nation have shown cost savings, up to $1000 per patient, when patient’s utilize pharmacy services above and beyond normal filling routines.

SF-0151 – Pharmacy Freedom of Choice

* This bill allows the PATIENT’S to be able to choose a pharmacy they want to use without being “punished” by their PBMs through higher copays or the inability to receive medications locally.
* This is a bill that centers on patient access and safety.
* Give your legislator personal examples (we all have them) of situations when a patient ultimately went without their medications due to forced mail order issues, or extremely high co-pays.
* Local pharmacies are necessary for medications that patients can’t wait to receive (antibiotics, emergency medications, pain meds, initiating new therapies) but are often not allowed to handle chronic medication fills. At some point, the Local pharmacy wont be around, and these immediate medications will be unable for patients.

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