

Infusion Providers Alliance Responds to the FTC's Interim Staff Report on PBMs

In response to the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) recent [Interim Staff Report](#) on pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), the Infusion Providers Alliance would like to highlight an important issue that while addressed in the report, has not received much attention: the PBM ownership of "specialty pharmacies" that provide yet another kickback to the PBMs at the expense of patients and health care providers. As the FTC continues its investigation of how the growing "vertically integrated and concentrated market structure has allowed PBMs to profit at the expense of patients," the agency should shine a bright light on specialty pharmacy ownership and adverse implications of "white bagging" prescriptions from PBM-owned specialty pharmacies -- in particular when the medication is not delivered timely or the improper dose is delivered for the patient due to changes in patient weight or lab values, both of which may delay patient treatment and result in waste of that shipment.

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