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HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan
Chairperson, House Committee on Health and Human Services
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter regarding H7189 – AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE – PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE – FAIR COMEPETION AND PRACTICES

Dear Chairperson Donovan:

I write on behalf of the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) regarding [House Bill 7189](#). The bill seeks to regulate pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).

Subsection § 27-29.1-12(d) states, *“this section shall be enforced by OHIC and the attorney general pursuant to their existing authority under law.”* OHIC recommends that subsection (d) instead say:

“This section shall be enforced by OHIC and the attorney general pursuant to their [respective](#) existing authority under law.”

OHIC believes that the above language change would help to alleviate any potentially complicated co-enforcement requirements.

Subsection § 27-29.1-12(e) applies to Medicaid and Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs). OHIC respectfully recommends that any provisions related to Medicaid and Medicaid MCOs, and the enforcement of those provisions, be placed under the applicable Executive Office of Health and Humans Services (EOHHS) statute, and thereby under the jurisdiction of EOHHS. OHIC defers to EOHHS regarding matters relating to Medicaid policy.

Thank you for your continued leadership and hard work on all matters related to the health of Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

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