



March 26, 2026

The Honorable Melissa Murray
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter regarding S2466– AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE – PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE – FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES

Dear Chairperson Murray:

I write on behalf of the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) regarding [Senate Bill 2466](#). This 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.”

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 Human 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,

Cory B. King
Health Insurance Commissioner

CC: Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Honorable Linda L. Ujifusa
Kristen Silvia, Director of Legislation and Deputy Chief of Staff