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Pharmacy Benefit Managers' Report

## PBM transactions





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# Average spread

-	Brand	Generic	Specialty	Total
Prescriptions	5,268,144	33,913,042	197,408	39,378,594
% of claims	13.4%	86.1%	.50%	100%
Paid (in millions)	\$1,246.1	\$662.7	\$617.6	\$2,526.5
Total spread (in millions)	\$9.7	\$208	\$6.6	\$224.8
Spread relative to total paid	0.8%	31.4%	1.1%	8.9%
Yearly avg. spread	\$1.85	\$6.14	\$33.49	\$5.71



# "Generic Spread"



### Yearly avg.

## Prescriptions

% of claims

### **Total spread**

Spread by type

### \$6.14

33,913,042

86.1%

\$208 million

31.4%





# The Caremark Spread

	Combined avera	Combined average spread of all regions CVS Independents		
Brand	\$2.22	\$2.10		
Generic	\$5.63	\$5.66		
Specialty	\$55.09	\$39.08		



## Regional Spread

	Independent Pharmacies			
	Brand	Generic	Specialty	
Central	\$1.80	\$5.11	\$24.21	
Northeast	\$3.55	\$6.71	\$39.14	
Northwest	\$3.71	\$6.69	\$25.32	
Southeast	\$1.88	\$4.90	\$43.28	
Southwest	\$1.77	\$5.27	\$31.32	
Metro	\$1.67	\$5.50	\$43.67	
Combined without Metro	\$2.57	\$5.80	\$35.19	
	\$2.10	\$5.66	\$39.08	

# Pharmacy closures





# Recommendations

- 1. Service organization control (SOC) report on internal controls of PBMs
- 2. Periodic compliance audits of PBMs
- 3. Require additional statistics and financial information be reported to ODM
- 4. Develop benchmarks to monitor spread pricing and price fluctuations



## Recommendations

- 5. Analysis of using pass-through contract model
- 6. Monitor initiatives of other states
- 7. Strengthen ODM's internal controls over drug rebate contract monitoring



# Further study

#### **Automatic refills**

Potential for filling discontinued medications and stockpiling

### Conflicts of interest/anti-competitive practices

— CVS Caremark is only PBM that shares ownership with a pharmacy

### Sale of information

— CVS will not confirm or deny whether this practice takes place; contracts with MCPs do not prohibit

#### **Rebates and rebate audits**

 Withholding rebates has been identified as a potential area of fraud. A rebate audit would shed light on the complex and secretive process





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