

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2632
Version:	CCRA
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Impact:	See below.

Research Analysis

The Conference Committee Report for HB 2632 creates the “Patient’s Right to Pharmacy Choice of Act” for the purpose of establishing uniform access to a pharmacy provider. The measure:

- Imposes access standards on retail pharmacies networks;
- Directs the Oklahoma Insurance Department to review retail pharmacy network access;
- Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) from taking certain actions;
- Requires PBMs to allow a pharmacy to participate in any pharmacy network, provided the pharmacy accepts the terms and conditions;
- Prohibits contracts between pharmacies and PBMs from containing ‘gag clauses’;
- Requires health insurers to monitor covered individuals’ access to prescription drug benefits;
- Prohibits health insurers or PBMs from restricting individuals’ choice of in-network prescription drug provider;
- Requires health insurers to adopt a formulary and set minimum standards; and
- Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to monitor PBMs to ensure compliance.

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Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal response from the Employee Group Insurance Department (EGID) for OMES included responses that led to a lack of confidence in the agency’s evaluation of the measure. Therefore, in the absence of objective data a fiscal impact cannot be provided at this time.

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Other Considerations

None.