

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Janet T. Mills
Governor of the State of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

The Honorable Peggy Rotundo
Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Maine State Legislature
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The Honorable Nathan Carlow
Ranking Member, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Maine State Legislature
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**RE: Opposition to Prescription Assessment Provision in Governor Mills' FY2026–27 Budget Proposal
(Part SS of LD 210)**

Dear Governor Mills, Chair Rotundo, and Ranking Member Carlow:

On behalf of the Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding, I write to respectfully express concern with the prescription assessment included in Part SS of Governor Mills' proposed FY2026–27 biennial budget. While we appreciate the stated intent of leveraging federal funds to support MaineCare reimbursement, we are deeply concerned that this \$0.70-per-prescription fee will create a disproportionate financial burden on independent pharmacies, particularly in rural communities where access to care is already fragile.

Pharmacies across Maine, especially those that provide customized medications for patients with unique medical needs, operate on thin margins and are facing increasing pressure from pharmacy benefit managers and rising supply costs. Imposing a per-prescription tax, without a formal stakeholder engagement process, threatens to accelerate pharmacy closures and reduce access to essential medications.

We urge your administration and the legislature to reconsider this provision and to engage with stakeholders, including the compounding pharmacy community, in a transparent discussion of MaineCare sustainability strategies that do not undermine pharmacy viability or limit patient access. APC stands ready to work with you on alternative policy approaches that support pharmacies while protecting patient care.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Brunner'.

Scott Brunner, CAE
Chief Executive Officer

The Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding is the voice for pharmacy compounding, representing more than 600 compounding small businesses – including compounding pharmacists and technicians in both 503A and 503B settings – as well as prescribers, educators, researchers, and suppliers. Some of our members are located in and serve human and animal patients in the state of Maine.