

Dear Eric & Kelly:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reimbursement rates for pharmacies. I am a proud cosponsor of the Fair Medicaid Drug Repayment Act (S. 1951) and the Pharmacy Access Improvement Act (PhAIM) of 2007 (S. 1954).

Pharmacies across the United States, especially in rural areas, are struggling to stay open because of cuts to Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates. S. 1951 will allow pharmacists to continue dispensing generic drugs without fear of losing money on each prescription. S. 1954 will require drug plans to reimburse pharmacies more quickly, strengthen standards for beneficiary access to pharmacies, and require the establishment of information hotlines for pharmacists and physicians. I believe preserving patient access to local community pharmacies and prescription drugs is vital.

I appreciate the time that you have taken to be involved and informed about this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me again in the future if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jon Tester  
United States Senator