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## Health and Government Operations

### HB 1273: Health Insurance - Audits of Claims by Pharmacies or Pharmacists – Deadlines

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#### What does this bill do?

This bill would authorize a carrier, if the carrier conducts an audit of a claim by a pharmacy or pharmacist, to audit only claims submitted or adjudicated within a certain period of time. If a carrier conducts an audit of a pharmacy or pharmacist, the carrier may audit only claims submitted within the time limitations of the contract that allows a pharmacy to back out and resubmit a claim unless a longer period is authorized under Federal or State Law.

#### What is the need for this bill?

As we have seen, the PBM's have used the small community pharmacies as a source of revenue by taking back monies after the point of sale. One of the ways this is being done is by audits performed on claims after the time frame in which a pharmacy has the ability to back out and resubmit a claim.

This bill is intended to give the pharmacies the ability to resubmit a claim under the correct code and retain the payment for the drug that was dispensed.