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<b>Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) and Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) Request for Comment</b>	
<b>RFI Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
If Medicaid were to change its current broker model for non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT), what changes would you recommend?	None
If Medicaid were to change its current pharmacy benefit manager model, what changes would you recommend?	<p>I believe that the state and citizens would be better served choosing a true pass through PBM and not choosing a PBM that is owned by a health insurance company who also owns their own pharmacy. Their main goal is to increase their bottom line by steering patients to their pharmacy and putting the most expensive drugs on formulary to capture rebates. This creates so many grey areas. Let all patients benefit from the actual lowest price concession at POS. Being able to increase pharmacy margin and keeping more tax payer money in the state. Allowing pharmacies to hire more staff and provide better service to our citizens. Look into the reimbursement rate of brand drugs. The current reimbursement schedule on expensive brand drugs is very challenging and pays below acquisition price most of the time. Thanks you very much for listening to my concerns. We want to provide the best service to our communities and our state. Being able to stay in business and create jobs will increase the overall healthcare of LA citizens and benefit the state.</p>