

VitalRx of Louisiana

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) and Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) Request for Comment	
RFI Question	Response
If Medicaid were to change its current broker model for non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT), what changes would you recommend?	I can't really give an educated opinion on this question.
If Medicaid were to change its current pharmacy benefit manager model, what changes would you recommend?	A true "pass through" PBM(s), none that have a conflict of interest on gaining dollars from rebates, steering patients to their own retail or mail order pharmacies. PBM(s) should be in the business of what PBMs were originally designed to do. The vertical integration of CVS/Aetna, United/Optum and Cigna/ESI have created opportunities of predatory practices on independent pharmacies. Also, please look at the reimbursement rates on branded products. NDAC reimbursement on these branded drugs are extremely low vs the financial exposure pharmacies have due to the rising cost of these branded products.