



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4699

by Rep. Anne Stava

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 85/45 new

Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act. Defines "large pharmacy chain" and "retail pharmacy". Provides that a large pharmacy chain operating in the State shall ensure that each of the large pharmacy chain's retail pharmacy locations maintains, at minimum, an inventory that is sufficient to cover the needs of existing patients for up to 14 days without needing to restock. Requires each retail pharmacy location to implement a predictive restocking practice to prevent or mitigate future inventory shortages. Provides that, if a patient attempts to fill a prescription that a retail pharmacy location does not have in stock, the retail pharmacy location shall provide timely mail-order fulfillment, up to and including overnight shipping, if necessary to provide a medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration in time to ensure no missed doses.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 45 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/45 new)

7 Sec. 45. Inventory standards for large pharmacy chains.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Large pharmacy chain" means an entity that is engaged in  
10 the practice of pharmacy, that operates at scale, and that  
11 meets one or more of the following characteristics:

12 (1) the entity operates 10 or more retail pharmacy  
13 locations statewide or 50 or more retail pharmacy  
14 locations nationally;

15 (2) the entity is owned, operated, or franchised by a  
16 national or regional corporation; and

17 (3) the entity utilizes centralized purchasing,  
18 distribution, or inventory management systems across  
19 multiple locations.

20 "Retail pharmacy" means a store, shop, or other place  
21 where drugs, medicines, or poisons are dispensed, sold, or  
22 offered for sale at retail or displayed for sale at retail.

23 (b) A large pharmacy chain operating in this State shall

1 ensure that each of the large pharmacy chain's retail pharmacy  
2 locations maintains, at minimum, an inventory that is  
3 sufficient to cover the needs of existing patients for up to 14  
4 days without needing to restock. Each retail pharmacy location  
5 shall implement a predictive restocking practice to prevent or  
6 mitigate future inventory shortages.

7 (c) If a patient attempts to fill a prescription that a  
8 retail pharmacy location does not have in stock, the retail  
9 pharmacy location shall provide timely mail-order fulfillment,  
10 up to and including overnight shipping, if necessary to  
11 provide a medication approved by the United States Food and  
12 Drug Administration in time to ensure no missed doses.  
13 Overnight shipping shall only be required when deemed  
14 medically necessary or otherwise confirmed by the prescribing  
15 physician.