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PUNCH (Pharmacists United to Necessitate Change)

***About Keystone Pharmacy Purchasing Alliance***… Keystone is a Group Purchasing Organization headquartered in Philadelphia & 100% owned by our Non-Profit County Association, The PARD, an Association of Community Pharmacies. Keystone was established in 1996. The PARD was established in 1898. Together both groups work hand-in-hand in legislative issues and in lowering a stores cost of goods. Our commitment is to Independent Pharmacy as we work together with many state associations and Group Purchasing Organizations.

**       National Mass Action Lawsuit** While Keystone is initiating this endeavor, PUNCH will be an entity owned and controlled by its members. The suit is contemplated against CATAMARAN (one of the largest Prescription Benefit Managers) and their onerous business practices towards independent pharmacies.  Keystone has engaged the Williams Cuker Berezofsky law firm skilled in handling national mass action lawsuits and arbitrations.

         **Mass Action Lawsuit Structure**

* Formation of LLC d/b/a PUNCH
* Working in cooperation with many state associations, Group Purchasing Organizations and other Pharmacy Organization.
* Open membership to all independently owned pharmacies in the United States.
* Participation fee $500
* Number of pharmacies needed to participate – at least 2,000 pharmacies with an optimum count of 4,000 pharmacies to be assured that we can fulfill all obligations.
* LLC books open to participating pharmacies during the lawsuit and after its conclusion.
* Damages received in successful litigation (if any) will be passed back to participating pharmacies, less attorney fees.
* LLC will not retain any funds beyond what is necessary to fulfill administration duties.
* Your organization is well aware of our reputation in the Pharmacy community.
* NOT a class action. Each pharmacy directly participates in its own name and shares in the benefit. ***Pharmacies not participating will NOT be entitled to share in benefits.***

**         Mass Action Lawsuit Goal(s**)

* Expose PBM unfair practices with auditing, MAC Payments, Limited Networks, Mail Order requirements, etc. through a Mass Action Lawsuit
* Minimize legal costs to individual pharmacies and groups by choosing mass action process
* Focus on a single large PBM
* Change the way PBMs operate without any oversight
* Expose PBM activities to their client base (Plan Sponsors)

         **Mass Action Lawsuit – How do you get involved?**

* + Go to the PunchPBM.com website.
  + Call 215-464-9892 and ask for Mel to get more details about the lawsuit. Make your payment to LLC d/b/a PUNCH for $500.00 to become a part of the “class”
  + If LLC d/b/a/ PUNCH does not collect at least 2000 mass action participants along with $500 payments, the LLC d/b/a PUNCH will return your payment minus a minimum handling fee.

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