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Lorie Fale Discusses Tax Challenges for PMBs with *Health Payer Specialist*

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Akerman Tax Partner Lorie Fale tells *Health Payer Specialist* that Cigna Express Scripts' recent appeals court loss in Maine highlights just how challenging interpreting state tax codes can be for pharmacy benefit managers (PBM). Fale, who represents a number of PBMs, noted that because the companies operate across multiple states, each with its own tax code, there is constant uncertainty. A PBM will likely pay state tax on either more than or less than 100% of its federal taxable income – that's how murky the tax regs can be, she said.

“Back in the day when everyone just sold widgets it was a lot easier to figure out, but with PBMs and other services it's far more nebulous because they do so many things,” Fale told *Health Payer*.

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