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## There's Something Amiss at the Pharmacy

The pharmacy is changing and it's not necessarily good. Lawmakers and regulators have been expanding the role of pharmacists. During Covid, federal officials used emergency authority to allow pharmacists to test, treat and vaccinate, in some cases violating state laws. Some pharmacy corporations want federal law to pre-empt all state laws.

They want pharmacists recognized as health care providers, which would increase their corporate revenue. For example, pharmacists could test and treat diabetics on their own. Besides patients losing access to care from a doctor, what else could happen? One doctor who called a pharmacy with a prescription order was left on hold for 15 minutes because, according to his angry tweet, customers were waiting to be vaccinated and they took priority.

"Your pharmacy: The one-stop-health-shop," Ruth Reader et al, POLITICO Future Pulse, October 26, 2022: <a href="https://politi.co/3TniHMP">https://politi.co/3TniHMP</a>

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