

# Just Published: The Source Research Brief on Legal Challenges to State Efforts to Control Drug Prices

As states increase legislative efforts to rein in prescription drug prices, an increased number of laws have been passed to regulate pharmacy benefit managers, price gouging, and price transparency in the pharmaceutical industry. However, industry groups have also stepped up legal challenges against these laws, using specifically the Dormant Commerce Clause, ERISA, and federal patent and trade secret laws.

With support from the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), The Source's [Katie Gudiksen](#), [Sammy Chang](#), and [Jaime King](#) examine these state laws and ensuing legal challenges in the newly published brief [\*Navigating Legal Challenges to State Efforts to Control Drug Prices: Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulation, Anti-Price-Gouging Laws, and Price Transparency\*](#). The brief analyzes how states can develop effective drug pricing policies to avoid challenges in court.

Read the introductory [blog post](#) by NASHP Executive Director Trish Riley and download the brief [here](#).