

Higher delivery, dispensing fees possible

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consultation for ailments such as colds, coughs and rashes, measuring blood pressure, sending repeat prescriptions to doctors, providing glucose metre instructions and special packaging for seniors.

"It's really the only way (seniors) live independently and that takes a great strain off the health care system," Mr. Croxall said.

Added Mr. Patel: "It's the people who need it the most who will suffer from service cuts."

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Nayan Patel
owner/pharmacist, Pharmasave Stouffville

The government funds about \$8 of those costs through dispensing fees and the rest is subsidized through professional allowances, covering up to 30 per cent of a pharmacy's operating costs.

If the government goes ahead with its plan, Mr. Croxall said he will have to raise dispensing fees. The pharmacy currently charges \$8.99.

Mr. Patel said his pharmacy will most likely have to start charging for deliveries.

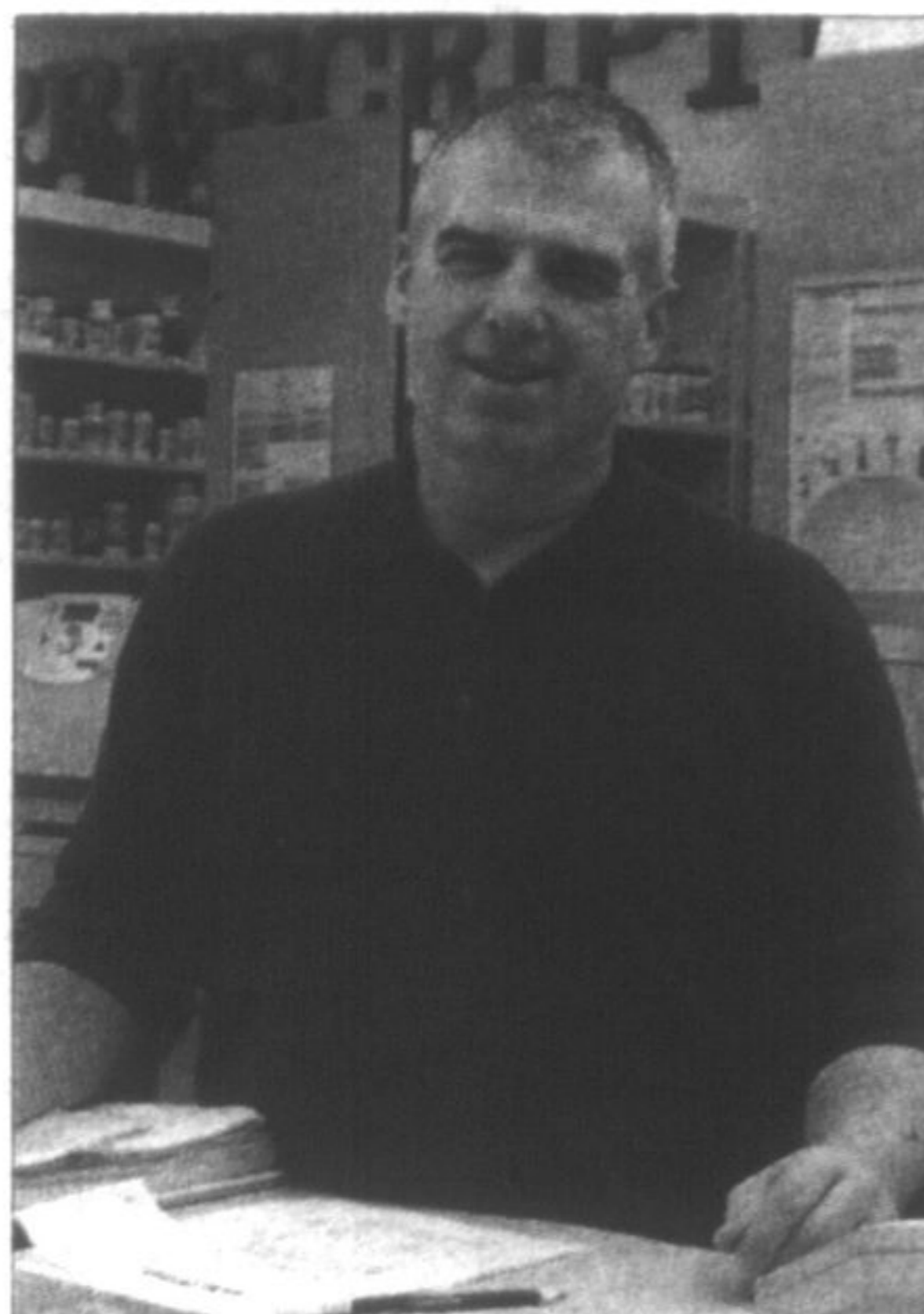
Independent pharmacies make up more than 50 per cent of the pharmacy industry and service the majority of seniors and patients covered by the Ontario Public Drug Benefit program.

"The independents are definitely a lot more vulnerable in town," Mr. Patel said. "If the cuts do happen and my store does lose money, I can probably handle losing money for a little while, but my pockets aren't as deep as the corporate pharmacies."

The province argues professional allowances are used to pay salaries and offer kickbacks, so it has created a \$150-million fund to subsidize professional services, rather than allow pharmacies to accept allowances from pharmaceutical companies, said Oak Ridges-Markham Liberal MPP Helena Jaczek, noting the move will be phased in over four years.

"To put things in perspective, my store collects professional allowances that are over three times my net profit at the end of the year. You do not need to be a chartered accountant to determine that my store would lose money if professional allowances are eliminated," Mr. Patel said.

"I became a pharmacist to provide the highest possible care to my patients. I feel the government is compromising my ability. The gov-



Rob Croxall of the Stouffville IDA Pharmacy says the province is trying to reform the system too quickly.

ernment has not properly thought out the impact of these cuts on patient care or on the ability of an independent pharmacy to stay in business."

Negotiations are still underway as to how the new fund will offset allowances and how professional services will be recorded.

Last year, pharmaceutical companies claimed pharmacy owners were paid more than \$750 million in allowances.

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