

**Pill Mills – Part IV:
Pick-Up and Miscellaneous Flags**

Pill mill warning signs may not present themselves until the consumer returns to pick up their prescription. There are also more pervasive signs that aren't directly related to the consumer interaction process. Here are some more flags to look for:

You feel compelled to **hire “security”** to prevent problems.

People pay with **cash** or **credit card** more often than through insurance.

Your pharmacy **charges more**—and people are willing to pay more—for controlled substances than nearby pharmacies.

People comment about the price of drugs **on the street**, refer to drugs by their **street names**, or ask for a specifically colored pill or liquid.

The prescriber has been subject to **disciplinary action** by his or her licensing board.

The prescriber has had their **DEA registration removed**.

The prescriber has been subject to **criminal action**.

One or more **wholesalers** have expressed concern about the **number of controlled substances** ordered by your pharmacy.

Wholesalers have **discontinued supplying** drugs to your pharmacy.

Your pharmacy has previously been **warned or disciplined** by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy for **non-therapeutic dispensing** of controlled substances.