

# NCPA Q&A

## What impact are DIRs having on pharmacies nationwide?

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Personally, here in southern Oregon, DIRs certainly are having a negative impact on our pharmacy. The NCPA Board is made up of pharmacy owners so we face the same challenges and opportunities as the membership. A recent member survey NCPA did confirms we're all in the same boat. Almost 60 percent of respondents said that when DIR fees

are extracted, net reimbursement is below acquisition cost more than 20 percent of the time. Another one-third said they were underwater between 11 and 20 percent of the time due to DIRs. Close to 90 percent said post adjudication reimbursement adjustments were "significantly" affecting their businesses. Rest assured, your board members see this as a top



## ADVOCACY ALERT

### De-Fanging Clawbacks

Louisiana has a new law that will prohibit health insurers and PBMs from directly or indirectly charging or holding a pharmacist or pharmacy responsible for any fee related to a claim that is not apparent at the time of claim processing; is not reported on the remittance advice of an adjudicated claim; and after the initial claim is adjudicated. **NCPA is ready to help** other states replicate this success.

### House Community Pharmacy Advocates Win Primaries

Pharmacy champion Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia swept to victory in his 9th congressional district Republican primary winning 61 percent of the vote in a five-way race. Collins is the **chief sponsor of H.R. 224**, MAC transparency legislation. Two other pharmacy champions in Georgia also had easy days May 24. Rep. Buddy Carter (R-1st), the only pharmacist in Congress, did not draw a primary opponent. Rep. Austin Scott (R-8th) cruised to a win with 78 percent of the vote. The trio is supported by NCPA.

priority and know that our NCPA staff is making this hidden pharmacy fee a top priority, too. For example, recently we got 16 senators and 30 House members to urge Medicare that for Part D these DIR "fees" should be reflected or estimated at the point of sale instead of clawed back months later. That's a start.