NCPA Federal Legislative Priorities

☐ **S. 1190 and H.R. 793, Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act:** These companion bills would allow independent pharmacies the ability to participate in preferred networks if: one or more of their stores is located in a health professional shortage area, one or more of their stores is located in a medically underserved population, and if they can meet the terms and conditions that are offered to other in-network pharmacies.

☐ **H.R. 244, MAC Transparency Act:** On January 9th legislation was reintroduced by Representatives Doug Collins (GA) and Dave Loebsack (IA) that would provide transparency and fairness to community pharmacies regarding their reimbursement for generic drugs. This bill would require pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to disclose the rate of reimbursement in the contract and to update that rate at least once every seven days to reflect fluctuations in the market.

☐ **S. 314 and H.R. 592, Provider Status Bills:** These companion bills would recognize pharmacists as providers under the Medicare Part B program. If enacted, pharmacists would be able to perform services for patients consistent with their state’s scope of practice if their pharmacy is located in a medically underserved area, health professional shortage area, or medically underserved population.

☐ **Issues of Importance in Long Term Care Pharmacy:** Pro-rated dispense fees for short cycle dispensing, controlled substance issues, MAC transparency, and fair reimbursement for LTC services.

☐ **S. 483 and H.R. 471, Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Acts:** These companions bills would, if enacted, allow pharmacies the opportunity to submit a corrective action plan prior to having their DEA license revoked or suspended. They seek to create a more collaborative partnership between drug manufacturers, wholesalers, retail pharmacies, and federal enforcement and oversight agencies.

☐ **Join the Congressional Pharmacy Caucus:** The House and Senate caucuses work closely with all pharmacy organizations to stay up to date on pressing issues and also host quarterly educational sessions for staff and industry stakeholders. Please urge your Members of Congress to join their chamber’s Pharmacy Caucus.

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