

## **NCPA Member Summary of the *Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act***

Summary of relevant provisions for small business community and long-term care pharmacies contained in H.R. 266, the *Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act* (“Phase 3.5 package”).

### **NCPA advocacy at work for you**

**NCPA successfully lobbied for additional funding to replenish the Paycheck Protection Program.**

**NCPA successfully lobbied to include pharmacists in the definition of eligible health care provider.**

#### Amendments to Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, and Emergency Grants

- Provides an **additional \$310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) set up in the CARES Act.**<sup>1</sup>
- Appropriates an additional \$50 billion for the Small Business Association (SBA) Disaster Loans Program Account, and \$10 billion for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advance grants.<sup>2</sup>

#### Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund

- Provides for **\$75 billion to reimburse eligible health care providers—including community and long-term care pharmacists—for COVID-19 expenses and lost revenues.**<sup>3</sup>
- This funding, which is in addition to the \$100 billion initially provided in the *CARES Act*,<sup>4</sup> may be used for: building or construction of temporary structures, leasing of properties, **medical supplies and equipment including personal protective equipment and testing supplies, increased workforce and trainings**, emergency operations centers, retrofitting facilities, and surge capacity.
- To be eligible for a payment, **an application must be submitted to HHS** that includes a **statement justifying the need for the payment with** a valid tax identification number. Please note that these funds may not be used to reimburse expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources or that other sources are obligated to reimburse. Recipients of these funds will **need to submit reports and maintain documentation**, details of which will be announced by HHS.

#### COVID-19 Testing

- Provides \$25 billion for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID-19 tests.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on PPP eligibility, see NCPA’s *CARES Act summary*.

<sup>2</sup> EIDL can provide up to \$2 million of financial assistance (actual loan amounts based on amount of economic injury) to small businesses that suffer substantial economic injury as a result of a declared disaster. The *CARES Act* provided for EIDL loan advances of up to \$10,000.

<sup>3</sup> The phase 3.5 package defines eligible health care providers as public entities, Medicare or Medicaid enrolled suppliers and providers, and such for-profit and not-for-profit entities as the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) may specify that provide diagnoses, testing, or care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19.

<sup>4</sup> For more information on the *CARES Act* Provider Relief Fund, see NCPA’s *summary*.