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INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY PHARMACY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Time is running short on the 118th Congress, and action is required on important legislation to reduce drug costs and create savings for taxpayers.

Important pro-pharmacy, pro-patient, and pro-taxpayer legislative measures advanced through regular order in both the House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support. Congress must pass robust PBM reform this year that includes the following priorities:

- Require PBMs to reimburse pharmacies at NADAC plus the state's fee for service dispensing fee and eliminate spread pricing and enhance transparency in all Medicaid managed care programs. This saves taxpayers over \$1billion over the next ten years.
 - Provision included in the *Lower Cost, More Transparency Act (H.R. 5378)* that passed the full House of Representatives. Also passed the Senate Finance Committee as part of the *Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act (S. 2973)*.

- CMS must establish reasonable and relevant contract terms, including pharmacy reimbursements, in Part D and create a role where pharmacies can dispute contract violations and who can impose penalties on PBMs for such violations.
 - Unanimously passed Senate Finance Committee as part of the *Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs, and Extenders Act (S. 3430)*



*Founded in 1898, the National Community Pharmacists Association is the voice for the community pharmacist, representing over 19,400 pharmacies that employ more than 230,000 individuals nationwide. Community pharmacies are rooted in the communities where they are located and are among America's most accessible health care providers. [For more information visit *ncpa.org*.](https://www.ncpa.org)*