



# 2025

## INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY PHARMACY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### **PBM REFORMS SAVE TAXPAYERS \$5 BILLION CONGRESS MUST FINALIZE THEM IN Q1 OF 2025!**

Pharmacy benefit manager reform provisions that were agreed to in bipartisan, bicameral negotiations but ultimately removed from the slimmed down CR passed on Dec. 20, 2024 would have produced \$5 billion in taxpayer savings—see the chart below for details.

**Congress must act swiftly and pass these provisions as part of a standalone health care package, or include it in the next government funding packages, budget reconciliation, or any way to get it across the finish line as soon as possible in 2025.**

These measures would enhance transparency and eliminate spread pricing in Medicaid managed care programs. These payment reforms would save over \$2 billion for taxpayers. It would also require CMS to define and enforce *reasonable and relevant contract terms* in Medicare Part D which would improve patient access to medications.

Community pharmacies are under-reimbursed on 75 percent of Part D claims and since last June, there has been a net loss of nearly 450 community pharmacies. That is over one a day, affecting tens of thousands of patients. Additionally, PBM practices cause further harm to patients by impeding access to medications through limited formularies and networks, letting insurance companies (not patients and doctors) decide when a drug works for a patient.

PBM reform cannot wait. These agreed-to provisions lower costs for patients, reduce taxpayer costs, and create a fairer playing field for community pharmacies. Congress must get them done now!

PROVISION	LATEST PUBLIC CBO SCORE
NADAC	\$2.046B in savings (CBO)
Medicaid spread	\$306M in savings (CBO)
Commercial PBM transparency	\$1.872B in savings (CBO)
Part D delinking/transparency	\$719M in savings (CBO)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4.943B in savings</b>



Founded in 1898, the National Community Pharmacists Association is the voice for the community pharmacist, representing nearly 19,400 pharmacies that employ 215,000 individuals nationwide. Community pharmacies are rooted in the communities where they are located and are among America's most accessible health care providers. [To learn more, visit www.ncpa.org.](http://www.ncpa.org)