



MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

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NEWS/OP-EDS

- Press Release: [Thune Announces Senate Republican Committee Assignments for the 119th Congress](#)
- Press Release: [Chairman-Elect Guthrie Announces House Committee on Energy and Commerce Senior Staff](#)
- InsideHealth Policy: Amy Lotven: [Schumer Taps New Dems for Finance, Health Committees](#)
- Press Release: [Cassidy Seated as Chair of Senate HELP Committee, Announces GOP Members](#)
- Axios Pro: Peter Sullivan: [RFK confirmation hearing pegged for late January](#)
- Bloomberg Government: Nancy Vu: [House Lawmakers Push to Revive Previously Killed Health Package](#)
- RealClearHealth: Rita Numerof: [PBM Bill Flopped: Why It May Be A Blessing In Disguise](#)
- The Baltimore Sun: Madeline Weil: [Let's Not Accept The Status Quo Of Sky-High Prescription Drug Prices](#)
- Maryland Matters: Danielle J. Brown: Poll: [Marylanders Unconvinced Lower Drug Costs Would Hinder Research For New Treatments](#)
- Forbes: Rita Numerof: [The PBM Bill Failed. Americans Dodged A Bullet](#)
- Financial Times: [US drugstores vanish as pressures mount on business model](#)
- Axios Pro: Peter Sullivan: [Congress could salvage parts of health package](#)
- Bloomberg Law: [Katie Arcieri, Nyah Phengsitthy: PBMs Will Stay in Crosshairs as Trump Antitrust Team Settles in](#)
- InsideHealth Policy: Jessica Karins: [DeGette, Bucshon Release 'Cures 2.1' Paper Based On RFI Responses](#)
- InsideHealth Policy: Maaisha Osman: [Large Employers' Top 2025 Health Issues: AI, Nutrition, PBM Reform, Value-Based Contracts](#)
- The Hill: Nathaniel Weixel, Joseph Choi: [Will Congress get another shot at PBM reform?](#)
- STAT News: Bob Herman: [Employers Step Up To Defend PBMs, And Other Fascinating Lawsuits We're Watching](#)
- Politico: Ben Leonard: [Carter On Health Package: 'We're Going To Make Sure It Happens'](#)
- InsideHealth Policy: Gabrielle Wanneh: [FTC: Second Interim Report On PBMs Coming Under Kahn's Watch](#)

- InsideHealth Policy: Jessica Karins: [As Finance Chair, Crapo Says He Will Follow Through On Doc Fix, PBMs](#)
- Bloomberg Government: Maeve Sheehey, Ken Tran: [House GOP Troublemakers Frustrate Speaker Johnson's Big Plans](#)
- Axios Pro: Health Care Policy: Peter Sullivan, Victoria Knight: [1 big thing: New House GOP members to know](#)

NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

- House Republicans leaders released the [119th rules package](#)
- **Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Josh Hawley (R-MO), and Representatives Jake Auchincloss (D-MA), and Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)** sent a letter to the FTC asking them to release the second interim report ([LETTER](#))
- **Representatives Larry Buchson (R-IN) and Dian DeGette (D-CO)** released a Roadmap for 21st Century Cures: [Next Steps for the Cures 2.0 Act and the 21st Century Cures Initiative](#)

UPCOMING HEARINGS/ MEETINGS

- **The Federal Trade Commission** will hold an [open meeting](#) on **January 14**. The Commission will consider issuing a second interim staff report highlighting additional staff findings from the Commission's 6(b) study on the contracting practices of pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs. The second interim report expands on staff's initial findings regarding specialty drugs.