



MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

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NEWS FROM PCMA

- **Rx Research Corner:** [Dispensing Fee Mandates Increase Drug Spending; Here Is the Data](#)

NEWS/OP-EDS

- Forbes: Joshua P. Cohen: [PBMs Under Fire Again, But Despite Partisan Pressure Reforms May Be Elusive](#)
- The Wall Street Journal: David Wainer: [Beaten Down Under Biden, Big Pharma Hopes For New Chapter Under Trump](#)
- InsideHealth Policy: Sigi Ris: [Cassidy, Sanders Say PBM Reform A Priority For Health Committee](#)
- Bloomberg News: Madison Muller: [Trump Urged by Democratic Senators to Keep Lowered Drug Prices](#)
- Bloomberg Government: Ken Tran, Jack Fitzpatrick: [Congress Seeks Initial Government- Funding Agreement Within Days](#)
- InsideHealth Policy: Jalen Brown: [E&C Committee Targets PBM Reform, Opioid Epidemic Amid Partisan Clashes Over IRA, ACA, Medicaid](#)
- InsideHealth Policy: Gabrielle Wanneh: [Senate Judiciary Revisits DTC Ad Reform Ahead Of RFK Confirmation Hearing](#)
- NBC News: Berkeley Lovelace Jr.: [Trump Reverses Biden Policies On Drug Pricing And Obamacare](#)
- Bloomberg Law: Ian Lopez: [Trump Chooses Women’s Health Leader for Acting HHS Secretary](#)

NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

- **Senator Elizabeth Warren’s** questions for RFK Jr’s Confirmation for HHS Secretary (ATTACHED)
- **Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Dick Durbin (D-IL)** re-introduced the *Drug-ice Transparency for Consumers (DTC) Act* ([PRESS RELEASE](#)) ([BILL TEXT](#))

UPCOMING HEARINGS/ MEETINGS

- **Senate Finance Committee** will hold a hearing on the **nomination of RFK Jr. to be HHS Secretary** – January 29th at 10:00 A.M.
- **Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee** will hold a hearing on the **nomination of RFK Jr. to be HHS Secretary** – January 30th at 10:00 A.M.