



MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

FROM: Lucia / Jonathan / Emily/ Anthony/ Ellyn

DATE: January 31, 2025

NEWS FROM PCMA

- **REGULATORY INSIGHT: PCMA Provides Recommendations for 2026 Medicare Plan Year to Promote Lower Costs and Better Pharmacy Experiences for Patients**
- **BLOG: ICYMI: Former Chief Economist for House Ways and Means Committee Warns Against Government Intervention in the Private Health Market**

NEWS/OP-EDS

- PoliticoPro: Sophia Cai, Adam Cancryn: [RFK Jr. says he's open to seizing drug patents](#)
- The Hill: Joseph Choi: [Democrats want answers on cost-cutting prescription payment models abandoned by Trump](#)
- The Hill: Nathaniel Weixel, Joseph Choi, Alejandra O'Connell-Domenech: [House eyes PBM reform next steps](#)
- Bloomberg Law: Nyah Phengsitthy: [Trump's Health Agency Signals Moving Forward on Drug Price Talks](#)
- Reuters: Staff: [Trump's administration aims for 'greater transparency' in drug price negotiations](#)
- Press Release: Raja Krishnamoorhi: [Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi Tours Local Pharmacy, Blasts PBMs for Marking Up Prescription Drugs and Driving Out Pharmacy Competition](#)
- Axios: Caitlin Owens: 1 big thing: [Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s confirmation is a coin toss](#)

NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

- **Rep. Pat Ryan (D-NY)** introduced *Stopping Pharma's Ripoff and Drug Savings For All Act* ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- **CMS Statement** on Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- **Senate Finance Democrats** sent a letter to RFK Jr. asking him questions on his views on the Medicare drug negotiation program ([LETTER](#))

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Dorothy Fink, M.D.** as Acting HHS Secretary; Dr. Fink is the Director of the HHS Office on Women's Health.
- **Sara Brenner, M.D., M.P.H.** as Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs; Dr. Brenner is a career official at the Food and Drug Administration who most recently