



MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

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NEWS FROM PCMA

- **PCMA: PRESS RELEASE: [PCMA Congratulates Secretary Kennedy Jr. On His Confirmation To Lead the U.S. Department of Health And Human Services](#)**
- **PCMA: BLOG POST: Reminder: [Rebates Have No Correlation With High Drug Prices](#)**

NEWS/OP-EDS

- Endpoint News: Drew Armstrong: Exclusive: [Drugmakers plan Trump meeting next week amid Washington health shakeups](#)
- The Hamilton County Reporter: Jim Merritt: [Indiana Must Protect Employer-Driven Health Care Choices](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Maaisha Osman: [PhRMA Pegs Key Areas To Hike Transparency In Drug Price Negotiations](#)
- Bloomberg Government: Nancy Vu: [Trump Nominates Three Health and Human Services Officials](#)
- Politico Pro: Ben Leonard, Chelsea Cirruzzo: [Trump set to create Make America Healthy Again Commission](#)
- Bloomberg Government: Ken Tran: [Early Winners and Losers in House Republican Budget Blueprint](#)

NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

- **House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole (R-OK)** sent a letter to authorizing committee chairs indicating markups will begin in late April for FY2026 bills ([LETTER](#))
- **Senate Budget Committee Chair Lindsey Graham (R-SC)** released text of the FY2025 budget resolution ([BILL TEXT](#))
- **House Budget Committee Chair Jodey Arrington (R-TX)** released text for the FY2025 budget resolution ([BILL TEXT](#))
- **Congressman Pat Ryan (D-NY)** introduced H.R. 890, *a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to prevent double patenting* ([BILL TEXT](#))
- **Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan (D-CA)** introduced H.R. 843, *a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the prompt approval of drugs when safety information is added to labeling* ([PRESS RELEASE](#)) ([BILL TEXT](#))

- **Congressman John Joyce (R-PA)** introduced H.R. 946, *a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to expand and clarify the exclusion for orphan drugs under the Drug Price Negotiation Program* ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- **Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA)** introduced *the Capping Prescription Costs Act*, capping annual out-of-pocket prescription drug costs per year at \$2,000 for individuals and \$4,000 for families ([PRESS RELEASE](#)) ([BILL TEXT](#))
- **Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)** introduced S. 526, *Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Transparency Act* ([BILL TEXT](#)) ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- **Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)** introduced *Prescription Pricing for the People Act* ([BILL TEXT](#)) ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- **President Donald Trump's Executive Order** to create *Make America Healthy Again Commission* (ATTACHED)