



## MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

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## NEWS FROM PCMA

- **PCMA: PRESS RELEASE: [PCMA Statement on Illinois Governor Pritzker’s State Of The State And Budget Address](#)**

## NEWS/OP-EDS

- The DC Journal: Satya Marar: [Populist PBM Reforms Are Unlikely To Lower Drug Prices](#)
- CLHCC: Staff: [Washington Examiner Exposes So-Called Independent Drug Research Nonprofit For Pharmaceutical Industry Ties](#)
- CLHCC: Staff: [Conservatives Sound The Alarm: Congress Must Reject Big Pharma’s Money Grab In The Private Market](#)
- Dow Jones Washington Journal: Josh Dawsey, Anna Wilde Mathews: [Inside Trump’s Million-Dollar Dinners with Healthcare Executives](#)
- Bloomberg News: Erik Wasson: [Trump Backs \\$4.5 Trillion Tax Cut in House GOP Budget Plan](#)
- Politico: Lauren Garnder, David Lim: [Drug Industry: Let us make Americans healthy](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Maisha Osman: [PhRMA To Meet With Trump This Week In First Talks](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Gabrielle Wanneh: [PhRMA Releases Report Aligned With MAHA Ahead Of Meeting With Trump](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Maisha Osman: [Trump May Steer FTC’s Drug-Pricing Agenda As He Takes Control Of Independent Agencies](#)
- Axios Pro: Peter Sullivan: [Odds slipping for a health package revival](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Luke Zaraecki: [DODGE Workers Now Making Health Policy, But Names Kept Secret](#)
- Bloomberg Government: Ken Tran, Jack Fitzpatrick: [Senate Republicans Back Budget Plan, Dodge Democrats’ Amendments](#)
- Axios: Stephen Neukam: [Schumer battles Thune in Senate “vote-a-rama” all-nighter](#)
- Axios: Caitlin Owens: [If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em](#)
- Bloomberg First: Bryan Pietsch: [House to Vote on Budget Next Week, Scalise Tells Punchbowl](#)

## NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

- **Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), and Maria Cantwell (D-WA)** introduced the *Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Transparency Act* ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- Democratic Senators signed a letter to the Trump Administration to protect Medicare and Medicaid ([LETTER](#))
- **Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)** introduced H.R. 1117, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to restrict direct-to-consumer drug advertising
- **Rep. Donald Davis (D-NC)** introduced H.R. 1244, an amendment to title XVIII of the Social Security Act, to require that coinsurance for drugs under Medicare Part D be based on the drug's actual acquisition cost not the drugs wholesale acquisition cost

#### **UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS**

- The **House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health** will hold a hearing, [\*"Examination of How Reining in PBMs Will Drive Competition and Lower Costs for Patients,"\*](#) – on Wednesday, February 26 at 10:00 A.M.