



MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

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NEWS FROM PCMA

- **PCMA: BLOG:** [Reminder: Small Businesses Prefer Flexibility and Options for Their Pharmacy Benefit Contracts](#)
- **PCMA: BLOG:** [PBMs Continue To Deliver Savings On Prescription Drugs For Patients](#)
- **PCMA: BLOG: ICYMI: JC Scott: PBMs Evolving to Meet Consumer Needs**

NEWS/OP-EDS

- Real Clear Health: JC Scott: [Consumers Want Affordable Prescription Drugs, PBMs, Are Right There With Them](#)
- AXIOS Pro: Victoria Knight: [First Look: Senate Finance's PBM overhaul plan](#)
- Benefits Pro: Allison Bell: [Killing The PBMs Won't Save Drug Costs, Economist Says](#)
- Chicago Tribune: Staff: [Editorial: Another Layer Of Bureaucracy Isn't The Answer For Beleaguered Pharmacies, Gov. Pritzker](#)
- Healthcare Brew: Maia Anderson: [Pharmacies, PBMs At Odds Over Proposed Changes To Part D Contracting Rule](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Gabrielle Wanneh: [Senate Dems Lead Charge To Potentially 'Hotline' Health Care Deal From December](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Amy Lotven: [Clean CR Still Most Likely Outcomes As Docs Rally For Help](#)
- Politico Pro: Daniel Payne, Ben Leonard: [Senate Dems lay groundwork for floor vote on bipartisan health deal](#)
- The Hill: Joseph Choi: [Key takeaways from Marty Makary's FDA confirmation hearing](#)
- STAT News: Elaine Chen: [Novo Nordisk To Sell Obesity Drug Wegovy Direct To Patients At Lower Price](#)
- The Hill: Brandon Novick: [Through 'Radical Transparency,' Kennedy Can Finally Rein In Big Pharma](#)

NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

- **Senators Roger Marshall (R-KS) and Tim Kaine (D-VA)** introduced the *Help Ensure Lower Patients (HELP) Copays Act* ([BILL TEXT](#)) ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- **Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), and Mark Warner (D-VA)** introduced *Patients Before Middlemen (PBM) Act* ([BILL TEXT](#)) ([PRESS RELEASE](#))

- **Representatives August Pluger (R-TX) and Don Davis (D-NC)** introduced the *Reducing Drug Prices for Seniors Act* ([BILL TEXT](#)) ([PRESS RELEASE](#))