



## MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

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## NEWS FROM PCMA

- **PCMA: BLOG:** [PBMs Innovating to Increase Biosimilar Use, Lower Rx Costs](#)
- **PCMA: PRESS RELEASE:** [PBMs Secure Savings for Patients and Employers in New Jersey](#)
- **PCMA: TWITTER:** *In a recent interview with [@AJMC\\_Journal](#) PCMA president and CEO JC Scott talks about prescription drug list prices and PBMs' desire to bring them lower. ([TWEET](#))*

## NEWS/OP-EDS

- The Washington Examiner: Jared Whitley: [Big Pharma Is No Friend To MAGA Voters](#)
- Axios: Peter Sullivan, Victoria Knight: [Health Care Bills To Watch](#)
- Axios: Caitlin Owens: [1 big thing: Pharma's volatile reality](#)
- Bloomberg News: Erik Wasson, Billy House: [House Passes Plan to Advance Trump Tax Cuts, Debt Limit Boost](#)
- Alabama Political Reporter: Donna Skipper: [Opinion Gov. Ivey Must Say "No" To Prescription Drug Price Hikes For Patients](#)
- The Washington Post: Daniel Gilbert: [Trump Pledges Tariffs On Pharmaceuticals, Setting Up Fight Over Pays](#)
- Axios Pro: Victoria Knight: [E&C Staff to meet with HHS counterparts over cuts](#)
- Axios Pro: Tina Reed: [Tariffs are just part of pharma's Wall Street tumble](#)
- Bloomberg News: Jennifer A. Dlouhy, Josh Wingrove: [Trump Says Pharmaceutical Tariffs Coming 'Very Shortly'](#)
- Axios Pro: Victoria Knight: [Medicare GLP-1 coverage back in Congress' hands](#)
- Modern Healthcare: Lauren Berryman: [CVS, Express Scripts, Optum warm up to biosimilars](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Gabrielle Wanneh: [CMS Scraps Pharmacy Notification Requirements In Final Part D Rule](#)
- Benefits Pro: Allison Bell: [Senate Committee Calls on FTC to Release Eagerly Awaited Final Prescription Drug Market Report](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Dorothy Mills-Gregg: McDermott: [HHS Reorg Hikes RFK Jr.'s Control, But May Take Months To Achieve](#)
- Bloomberg: Madison Muller, John Tozzi: [Trump Drops Biden's Medicare Obesity Drug Coverage Proposal](#)
- STAT News: Elaine Chen, Bob Herman, John Wilkerson: [Trump Administration Declines To Expand Medicare Coverage For Obesity Drugs](#)

- Forbes: Joshua Cohen: [Drug Patent Reforms Have Been Postponed Repeatedly. Is The 119<sup>th</sup> Congress Ready To Act?](#)
- Fierce Pharma: Paige Minemyer: [FTC Chair Ferguson Changes Course on Recusal from PBM Insulin Case](#)

#### **NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS**

- **Energy & Commerce:** Press Release: [E&C Republicans Block Amendment To Pass Bipartisan End-of-Year Agreement That Lowers Costs For Americans](#)
- **CMS:** Press Release: [CMS Finalizes 2025 Payment Policy Updates for Medicare Advantage and Part D Programs](#)
- **Rep. Steve Horsford (D-NV)** introduced the *Capping Prescription Costs Act of 2025* ([BILL TEXT](#))
- **Rep. Steve Horsford (D-NC)** introduced the *Lower Drug Costs for Families Act* ([BILL TEXT](#))
- **Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Rand Paul (R-KY), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), and Mike Lee (R-UT)** reintroduced a bill to provide for increased transparency in generic drug applications ([PRESS RELEASE](#)) ([BILL TEXT](#))

#### **UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS**

- No upcoming hearings, as Congress is in recess until April 28<sup>th</sup>