



MEMORANDUM

TO: PCMA Federal Affairs Workgroup

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NEWS FROM PCMA

- **PCMA: BLOG:** [PCMA Congratulates Dr. Mehmet Oz on His Confirmation to Lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)
- **PCMA: PRESS RELEASE:** [Arkansas Senate Should Reject Dangerous Legislation](#)
- **PCMA: BLOG:** [PBMs Work to Lower the Costs of GLP-1 Drugs](#)
- **PCMA is hosting a Hill Briefing, “Ask the Experts,” on Wednesday Please Share with Congressional Offices (INVITE ATTACHED)**
- **PCMA Hearing Recap: Senate Judiciary and House Education and the Workforce (SUMMARY ATTACHED)**

NEWS/OP-EDS

- Republican Eagle: Staff: [Big Pharma Must Be Held Accountable](#)
- Times Union: Commentary: James A. Lewis III: [Lawmakers Must Do More to Keep Prescription Drug Prices In Check](#)
- Utah News Dispatch: Valerie Rivera: [Reining In Big Pharma For Utah’s Most Vulnerable](#)
- Hoodline: David Martinez: [Senator Ruben Gallego Champions “Lower Drug Costs For Families Act” To Curb Pharma’s Price Hikes](#)
- Capitol Weekly: Marcus Gome: [Increasing Health Care Costs Is The Last Thing Lawmakers Should Pursue](#)
- The Heartlander: Alex Holt: [Missouri Shouldn’t Bail Out Big Pharma](#)
- The Denver Post: Meg Wingerter: [Judge Throws Out Lawsuit Challenging Colorado’s Ability To Cap Prices On Prescription Drugs](#)
- Alabama Political Reporter: [Joseph Summers: Reject Big Pharma’s Money-Grab That Would Alabama’s Business, Employees](#)
- Bloomberg Law: Katie Arcieri: [FTC Halts In-House Court Case Against Pharmacy Benefit Managers](#)
- Magnolia Tribune: Jeremy Pittati: [Democrat Lawmakers Kill PBM Reform On Point of Order](#)
- Bloomberg News: Erik Wasson: [Senate Unveils Plan to Fast-Track Tax Cuts, Debt Limit Hike](#)
- Bloomberg Government: Ken Tran: [Senate Budget Plan Seeks Far Lower Spending Cuts Than House](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Sigi Ris: [Fired FTC Commissioners Say Stay In PBM Case Was ‘Foreseeable Consequences’ Of Firings](#)

- Axios: Victoria Knight: [Senate confirms Dr. Oz to lead Medicare and Medicaid](#)
- Inside Health Policy: Jessica Karins: [Senate Judiciary Passes Patent Reforms Aimed A Lower Drug Costs](#)

NEW LEGISLATION/ CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

- **Members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee** sent a letter to Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s plan to execute the fiscal 2025 spending law with the reorganization ([LETTER](#))
- **Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Ranking Member Bernie Sanders (I-VT)** invite Sec. Kennedy to future hearing on HHS reorganization ([PRESS RELEASE](#))
- **Senate Budget Resolution** (BILL TEXT ATTACHED) (ONE PAGER ATTACHED)

UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

- **House Ways & Means Committee** will hold a hearing on [Lowering Costs for Patients: The Health of the Biosimilar Market](#) – April 8, 10:00 A.M.
- **House Energy & Commerce Committee** will [mark up 26 bills](#) – on April 8, 10:00 A.M.