

## **Don't Wait Until It's Too Late to Do the Right Thing:** **Enact PBM Reforms for Americans in Medicare and Medicaid** *Reduce Americans' Prescription Drug Costs and Sustain Pharmacy Access*

Real PBM reforms to protect Americans in Medicare and Medicaid have advanced in the Senate and House of Representatives after thorough deliberation and with bipartisan and overwhelming support. Among the essential NACDS-backed reforms advanced in the 118th Congress are:

- Medicaid pharmacy payment reform and a ban on spread pricing;
- defining and enforcing reasonable Medicare Part D pharmacy contract terms; and
- establishing relevant, standardized pharmacy quality measures in Medicare Part D.

Because of PBM tactics, Americans are paying inflated drug prices and sometimes cannot even access the medications prescribed for them, all while pharmacies are closing, further threatening healthcare access. For many pharmacies, this is the breaking point, and it only is getting worse.

Congress, as well as the Biden Administration, has already recognized the problems associated with PBM practices.

- In the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, four House committees and four Senate committee held hearings, advanced legislation, or launched investigations to address egregious PBM practices.
- The House acted with a broad bipartisan vote to pass the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act*, a bill that provides components of PBM reform.
- The Senate Finance Committee advanced the *Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act* and the *Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs, and Extenders Act*, two bills that provide necessary PBM reforms.
- CMS wrote to PBMs and plans in December: “We are hearing an increasing number of concerns about certain practices by some plans and [PBMs] that threaten the sustainability of many pharmacies, impede access to care, and put increased burden on health care providers.”

NACDS urges Congress to enact necessary pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reforms without delay. Any failure to advance reforms plays into the PBMs' stalling tactics and affects your constituents ability to afford medicines and threatens pharmacies of all types and sizes.

### **TELL HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS TO ENACT PBMS REFORMS NOW!**

**Join Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA) and Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI) or Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) in calling for action on real PBM reforms in Medicare and Medicaid.**

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