

Reduce Drug Costs and Protect Pharmacy Access

? THE PROBLEM

Tactics of market-dominant pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) inflate Americans' prescription drug costs and force pharmacy closures. Meanwhile, some estimates project increases in PBM industry revenues from \$200 billion to \$800 billion in the current decade.

! THE SOLUTION

Bipartisan reforms in Medicare and Medicaid have advanced in the Senate and House of Representatives. They should be considered "must-pass legislation." Essential NACDS-backed reforms advanced in the 118th Congress include:

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

✓ THE ACTION

Tell House and Senate leaders to enact PBM reforms now.

Secure Seniors' Access to Pharmacist Services

? THE PROBLEM

While many states authorize pharmacists to provide testing, treatment, and vaccination for common illnesses, there is no billing mechanism in Medicare Part B that empowers seniors to obtain these services from their trusted pharmacist. This diminishes access – and thus health and wellness.

! THE SOLUTION

The bipartisan Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (H.R. 1770/S. 2477) would foster access by allowing pharmacists to be reimbursed for specific testing, treatment, and vaccination services authorized by states. More than 20 Senators and more than 100 House members – including members of the Doctors Caucus and the Rural Health Care Coalition – have cosponsored the legislation.

✓ THE ACTION

Cosponsor and urge the advancement in the 118th Congress of H.R. 1770 and S. 2477.



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