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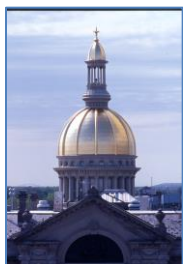
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New Jersey Pharmacies, Here's How to do Your Part on PBM Reform – Fight Back Against Abusive PBM Practices



We can only achieve our political goals with your support. IPA's Political PAC works to elect candidates who think like you do about your pharmacy business, the patients you serve and support PBM Reform.

Electing more state legislators who are in favor of PBM Reform will help us fight back against abusive PBM practices.

[Do your part and support PBM Reform by donating to IPA's PAC today at this link](#)

2023 Agenda - New Jersey Pharmacy Coalition Working Together to End PBM Abuse

1. Require PBMs to fully comply with New Jersey's law on pharmacy appeals and retroactive fees in commercial plans - [Read the law at this link](#)

2. Pass Governor Murphy's PBM Reform Package including Assembly bill 536 which would allow pharmacies to go into arbitration with PBMs for low and below acquisition cost reimbursements – [Read the bill at this link](#)
3. End PBM retroactive fees in all state regulated plans
4. Pass Senate bill 3199 to prevent PBM patient steering & enact pro-pharmacy accreditation reforms – [Read the bill at this link](#)

Listen & Subscribe! Big PBM Reform Podcast with Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger 1st Woman Pharmacist Elected to Congress



Big PBM Reform interview with Congresswoman Diana Harshbarger, the first woman pharmacist elected to Congress, tells the IPA Podcast that 2023 could be the biggest year yet for PBM Reform. Both parties are looking ahead with an increased focus on PBMs and drug pricing. **Download the IPA Podcast to hear how we could see Congress go all in on PBM Reform!**

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If Your Pharmacy Is Looking for Paxlovid, IPA Can Help

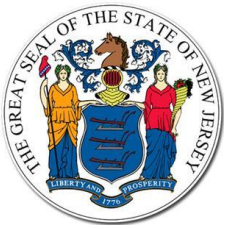


If your pharmacy is having difficulty acquiring Paxlovid, IPA can help. The New Jersey Department of Health is assisting pharmacies with obtaining Paxlovid, Pfizer's COVID-19 antiviral pill. The FDA revised the drug's emergency use authorization letting state-licensed pharmacists screen patients and determine if they are eligible for Paxlovid, according [to The Associated Press](#). Previously, only doctors

could prescribe the antiviral drug. With some limits, pharmacists can now prescribe the medication for patients who face high risks for severe COVID-19.

Email IPA at info@ipagroup.org or 800-575-2667 call and we'll help you enroll in the state program.

New Jersey Pharmacies May Dispense Free Naloxone to Any Resident and Get Reimbursed



Effective January 1, 2023, pharmacies may dispense free naloxone to any NJ resident, fourteen (14) years of age or older, anonymously regardless of their NJFC/Medicaid eligibility, pursuant to the Department of Health standing order currently in effect. The New Jersey Board of Pharmacy will be issuing guidance for pharmacies wishing to participate in this program.

[Read the billing requirements at this link](#) on how to request NJFC/Medicaid Fee-For-Service payment consideration for anonymous naloxone dispensing.

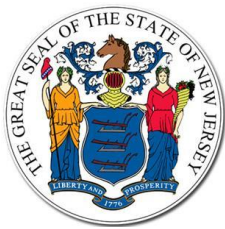
Congressional Committee will Hold PBM Hearings



The Congressional **House Oversight Committee**'s chairman, Rep. **James Comer** (R-Ky.), said in a statement that early in the new Congress, he is planning to hold a hearing on pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), which he and other lawmakers have accused of contributing to the high cost of medicines.

[Click this link to read the entire article.](#)

New Jersey Pharmacists, stay up to date with latest COVID-19 rules & regulations



Pharmacists, stay up to date with latest COVID-19 rules & regulations from the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs Healthcare Licensees website. The Division of Consumer Affairs has taken extraordinary measures to ensure New Jersey is prepared to meet the increased demand for COVID-19 healthcare services.

[Click this link to read all of the latest COVID-19 updates for pharmacists.](#)

Webinar: Medicaid Fee-for-Service Transition – January 17



NY State Department of Health hosts a monthly All Stakeholders webinar about the Medicaid pharmacy benefit transition to fee-for-service. Members, providers, and all interested stakeholders are welcome to attend. Registration information will be posted one week prior to each webinar date.

Upcoming webinars: **January 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM**

- **Please complete the [registration form](#).** Registration is required to attend the webinar.

NCPA Update: FDA updates mifepristone REMS program



The Food and Drug Administration has updated its risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) on dispensing mifepristone that must be followed for mifepristone for medical termination of pregnancy through ten weeks gestation. Under the Mifepristone REMS Program, mifepristone must be dispensed by or under the supervision of a certified prescriber or by certified pharmacies for prescriptions issued by certified prescribers. Under the Mifepristone REMS Program, mifepristone may be dispensed in-person or by mail. For details on the REMS program, click [here](#). For associated documents, including pharmacy agreement forms, click [here](#). For questions and answers, click [here](#).

Pharmacy News: FDA, Medicare, COVID / Flu, State Updates

Click these links to read the news!

- [Federal Employee Insurance Program to Reimburse Pharmacists as Providers for Patient Assessment and Prescribing of COVID-19 Therapy](#)
- [Adults who took Paxlovid 50% less likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19: 10 CDC findings](#)
- [There aren't any monoclonal antibody drugs that can treat the latest Covid-19 variants](#)
- [Updated booster shot prevents a majority of Covid hospitalizations in older adults](#)
- [Study: BQ, XBB Are 'Most Resistant' Coronavirus Variants to Date](#)
- [CDC investigating apparent rise in strep A infections in children](#)
- [Lupin Pharmaceuticals issued a voluntary recall of some blood pressure medication due to the potential presence of a nitrosamine impurity](#)
- [New York doctors now required to prescribe naloxone to some patients on opioid painkillers](#)
- [New York Medicaid pharmacy update to the Dispense Brand Name Drug When Less Expensive Than Generic Program - changes effective January 19, 2023](#)
- [New York State Continuing Education for Pharmacists](#)
- [NCPA, others seek clarification from DEA on pseudoephedrine](#)
- [Here's the buzz on biosimilars](#)

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