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Independent Pharmacy Alliance, established 1988, is a trade group and retail pharmacy buying cooperative representing over 3,100 independent pharmacies.

Call to Action: Support Bills Recognizing Pharmacists as Health Care Providers for Medicare Patients

On Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 federal provider status legislation, the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act (H.R. 2759) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. On Monday, April 26th, 2021 the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act (S. 1362) was introduced in the U.S. Senate.

These bills will recognize pharmacists as health care providers for Medicare patients, granting pharmacists “provider status” and mandating pharmacists are fairly compensated for their valuable patient care services.

[Make your voice heard, click this link to tell your representatives you to support pharmacist provider status](#)

State and Federal Government Affairs Pharmacy Updates Click the Links to Read

[Video: Click this Link to Know Your Rights - New Jersey PBM & PSAO Retroactive Fee / Appeals Law](#)

[Check out the latest COVID-19 updates for New Jersey and New York](#)

[Federal health officials directing nearly all drugstores to offer second doses of COVID-19 vaccines to people who received their first shot from a different provider](#)

[Grassley, Cantwell Lead Bipartisan Bill to Examine Activity of Prescription Drug](#)

[Middlemen](#)

[On April 28, 2021, CMS released the final Medicare Part D reporting guidance for contract year 2020](#)

[FDA Approves Higher Dosage of Naloxone Nasal Spray to Treat Opioid Overdose](#)
[122 patient groups letter outlines PBM Reform as a solution to making drugs affordable](#)

Important Updates from National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)

[At Congressional meetings IPA and coalition partners pushed for a pro-patient, pro - Independent Pharmacy agenda](#)

[APhA joins NCPA in lawsuit against HHS](#)

[Help your patients fight back against PBM steering](#)

[NCPA requests COVID-19 regulatory flexibilities be made permanent](#)

For less than a cup of coffee a day you can support IPA's efforts to reform PBMs

I'm asking all New Jersey pharmacies to contribute to IPA's PAC to support OUR PBM reform agenda. Together, we can pass and enforce laws that will protect independent pharmacies and their patients from the predatory practices of the PBMs. [Click this link to find out more.](#)



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