

IPA Member Update
Volume 5 October 2021

Twitter: [@ipapharmacies](https://twitter.com/ipapharmacies)

Web: www.ipagroup.org



Independent Pharmacy Alliance, established 1988, is a trade group and retail pharmacy buying cooperative representing over 3,700+ independent pharmacies.

New IPA Podcast with Karry La Violette from the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Does a New Administration Mean PBM Reform

Listen to a new episode of the IPA Podcast! This week we spoke to Karry La Violette, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) about DIR Fees, PBM Reform and what's being done to help pharmacy-owners and their patients in Washington. We talk about how the Biden Administration is wrapping up its first year, with talks of reconciliation bills, 3.5 trillion dollar deals, and big Supreme Court decisions.

Listen on your favorite apps:

iTunes - PodBean - Spotify - Amazon Music -Stitcher - iHeartRadio - PlayerFM

[Video: Resolve Underpayments by Taking Advantage of New Jersey's PBM Reimbursement Appeals Law](#)

Covid-19 Pharmacy News and Updates

[CDC: Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot What You Need to Know](#)

[Here are the billing codes you need for boosters](#)

[Merck says COVID pill prevents 50% of deaths, hospitalizations](#)

[Clarifying the HHS directive on boosters](#)

[New COVID cases fall by 25%](#)

[Report COVID-19 vaccine, therapeutics billing issues](#)

[COVID-19 and influenza, misdiagnoses can occur when infection is not confirmed by a laboratory test](#)

New Jersey Pharmacy Updates

[NJPhA: CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreements](#)

[Check out the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy's website for the latest regulatory alerts](#)

[\\$10.5M Henri/Ida grant relief program taking applications](#)

[Medical Marijuana: Old-Time Remedy May Boost Camden Pharmacy's Business](#)

New York Pharmacy Updates

[Check out the New York Office of Professions new pharmacy practice updates](#)

[Governor Hochul Announces New Efforts to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations and Prepare for Booster Shots](#)

National News and Updates for Independent Pharmacies

[Coalition Launches to Reform PBM Practices that Jeopardize Patient Care and Public Health](#)

[FDA REMINDER: Pharmacies must re-certify in the Clozapine REMS by Nov 15, 2021 to continue to prescribe or dispense clozapine. To re-certify, see the Important Program Update](#)

[DEA Issues Public Safety Alert on Sharp Increase in Fake Prescription Pills Containing Fentanyl and Meth](#)

[FDA Revises Hospital and Health System Compounding Guidance to Help Preserve Patient Access to Compounded Drugs](#)

[Flu Shot Timing: What's Optimal?](#)

[Pharmacy Benefits Manager, Centene, to pay more than \\$71M to settle Medicaid overpayment cases in Illinois, Arkansas](#)

[Antidepressants May Improve Cancer Treatments, Study Shows](#)

[New Study: extended-release metformin could prolong gestation in women with preterm preeclampsia](#)

Important Updates from National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)

[NCPA urges DOJ to block yet another health care merger](#)

[Here's a link to A Guide to Implementing Vaccine Services in Community Pharmacy](#)

[Clarification on monoclonal antibodies reimbursement](#)

[NCPA resource makes it easy to find state laws addressing PBM oversight](#)



**Anthony V. Minniti, R.Ph.
President, IPA RxPAC-NJ
Owner, Bell Pharmacy, Camden, NJ**

Your Support is Making a Difference - Be a PBM Reform Advocate

I'm asking all New Jersey pharmacies to contribute to IPA's PAC to support OUR PBM reform agenda. Your support is making a difference, Together, we have passed three PBM Reform Laws in New Jersey and now we are working towards full enforcement of those laws. [Click this link to find out more.](#)

[Click this Link to Make a Donation for PBM Reform](#)