

There From the Beginning on DIR Advocacy



NCPA & Member Comments

Congressional Letters

Stakeholder Letters

Patient/Consumer Org. Letters

'16	NCPA secures introduction of DIR federal legislation Sept.	Guidance on DIR Sept. 16 SENATORS 30 REPRESENTATIVES	Support first DIR bill Sept. 99 SIGNATORIES	Asked CMS to finalize DIR guidance June 8 SIGNATORIES
	NCPA submits comments to CMS on DIR reporting June		Support DIR legislation Mar. 118 SIGNATORIES	
'18	DIR Proposal Jan. 992 MEMBER COMMENTS	Support DIR Proposal Jan. 21 SENATORS 80 REPRESENTATIVES	Joint comment to DIR Proposal Jan. 120 SIGNATORIES	Support elimination of pharmacy DIR Jan. 9 SIGNATORIES
	Drug Pricing RFI July 1,955 MEMBER COMMENTS	Address DIR in RFI Aug. 21 SENATORS 83 REPRESENTATIVES	Response to POTUS on Drug Pricing Blueprint July 153 SIGNATORIES	
'19	DIR Proposed Rule Jan. 3,493 MEMBER COMMENTS	Support DIR Proposal Mar. 29 SENATORS 62 REPRESENTATIVES	Response to DIR Proposed Rule Jan. 155 SIGNATORIES	Urged CMS to finalize DIR proposal Jan. 24 SIGNATORIES
	CMS fails to finalize DIR Rule May	DIR Final Rule Failure June 28 SENATORS 105 REPRESENTATIVES	Response to POTUS Expressing Disappointment NCPA, NACDS, APHA, NGA NASP & FMI June	
		Senate Finance Cmte urges Administration to fix DIR Sept. 23 SIGNATORIES	Drug Pricing Package to Senate Finance July 204 SIGNATORIES	
'20	Letter to HHS to halt DIR during PHE Mar.	NCPA letter to Congressional leaders asking for the elimination of DIR fees Mar.	JCPP Publication requesting suspension of DIR fees Apr.	
	Letter to Vice President recommending an immediate suspension of DIR fees Mar.			
	Letter to CMS asking for inclusion of DIR reform in Administrative actions July	COURT FILING NCPA v. Azar Jan. '21	Filed lawsuit against HHS Secretary Azar for repeated failure of the agency to address DIR fees in the rulemaking process	
	Letter to POTUS requesting inclusion of DIR reform in rebate rule July			
Letter to OMB advocating for inclusion of DIR fix in final Rebate Rule Nov.				
NCPA Advocacy Center Meetings with Administration <i>April 2018: White House, OMB; May 2018: CMS; July 2018: HHS; Aug. 2018: HHS; Sept. 2018: White House, Domestic Policy Council; Oct. 2018: HHS, Small Business Administration; Nov. 2018: HHS, CMS, White House, OMB; Dec. 2018: HHS, White House, Political Office; Jan. 2019: White House, Domestic Policy Council; Feb. 2019: HHS; April 2019: HHS, Small Business Administration; May 2019: HHS, White House, Domestic Policy Council, CMS; July 2019: CMS; Oct. 2019: CMS; Dec. 2019: CMS, HHS; April 2020: White House; June 2020: CMS; Aug. 2020: White House; Sept. 2020: CMS</i>				

National Survey Supports Pharmacy-Related Part D Reforms
June 2018: NCPA commissioned Morning Consult national survey showed overwhelming support for prohibiting PBMs from charging DIR fees to pharmacies - fees that also artificially raise seniors' out-of-pocket costs.
Oct. 2019: A recent NCPA member survey shows that 58% of independent pharmacies are somewhat or very likely to close in the next 2 years without relief from pharmacy DIR fees. More so, 63% of respondents said that pharmacy DIR is the number one problem facing their pharmacy.

This summary is not an all inclusive analysis of our efforts just a highlight of major NCPA activity.