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## INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY PHARMACY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### 2026 SENATE PRIORITIES

There are further PBM reforms that require congressional attention. **The National Community Pharmacists Association urges members of the Senate to support and swiftly pass:**

- Medicaid managed care payment reform/spread pricing ban – Moves to a fair and transparent pharmacy reimbursement system in Medicaid managed care programs based on average acquisition costs plus the state's Medicaid fee-for-service dispensing fee. This legislation requires all pharmacies to respond to the National Average Drug Acquisition Costs (NADAC) survey.
  - As included in S. 927, the *Protecting Pharmacies in Medicaid Act*
- S. 2426, the *Ensuring Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (ECAPS)*:
  - Introduced by Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.), Mark Warner (D-Va.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.). Ensures Medicare beneficiaries can easily access health care services by authorizing pharmacists to test and treat COVID-19, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and strep throat. These policies recognize pharmacists and the role they have in improving health care access by establishing direct reimbursement through Medicare Part B for these pharmacist services. Independent pharmacies have played a large role at both the federal and state levels in testing for COVID-19 and administering COVID-19 vaccines to those in their communities and in long-term care facilities, and this legislation would ensure continued access for patients to services at their local pharmacy.



Founded in 1898, the National Community Pharmacists Association is the voice for the community pharmacist, representing over 18,900 pharmacies that employ more than 235,000 individuals nationwide. Community pharmacies are rooted in the communities where they are located and are among America's most accessible health care providers. [To learn more, visit www.ncpa.org.](http://www.ncpa.org)