

PROVIDER STATUS AND OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES IMPACTING PHARMACY

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PROVIDER STATUS

115th Congress – Reintroduction of the *Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act*

- Senate – S. 109 January 12th, 26 original cosponsors
- House – H.R. 592 January 20th, 107 original cosponsors

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PAPCC GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Continual discussions with committee staff/ leadership
- ▶ Transition team letter highlighting the on need for HR 592/S 109
- ▶ Letters to lead bill sponsors thanking them for their leadership and outlining the legislation's benefit
- ▶ PAPCC press releases following bill introduction
- ▶ Organizations' Grassroots Activities

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PAPCC STRATEGY

Considerations

- ▶ Timeline
 - ▶ Dependent on possible vehicle/ other health care reform legislation
- ▶ Cost of the legislation/ CBO Score

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PAPCC NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Work with lead sponsors and committee leadership on next steps and timeline
- ▶ Annual NACDS Fly-In (March 15) and possible PAPCC Hill Day
- ▶ Continue to build co-sponsor support/ utilize full coalition grassroots
- ▶ Discussions with new administration

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CONGRESS AND HEALTH CARE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

115th Congress

House

- 240 Republicans
- 193 Democrats
- 2 Vacancies

Of the 297 cosponsors in the 114th Congress, 262 returned in 2017

Senate

- 52 Republicans
- 46 Democrats
- 2 Independents

Of the 52 cosponsors in the 114th Congress, 48 returned in 2017 ***

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House of Representatives' Leadership

Majority - Republicans

Speaker, Paul Ryan (WI)
 Leader, Kevin McCarthy (CA)
 Whip, Steve Scalise (LA)
 Conference Chair, Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA)
 Conference Vice Chair, Doug Collins (GA)
 Conference Secretary, Jason Smith (MO)
 NRCC Chairman, Steve Stivers (OH)
 Policy Committee Chair, Luke Messer (IN)

Minority - Democrats

Leader, Nancy Pelosi (CA)
 Whip, Steny Hoyer (MD)
 Assistant Leader, James Clyburn (SC)
 Caucus Chairman, Joe Crowley (NY)

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House Committees

Energy and Commerce

Chairman Greg Walden (OR) *
 Ranking Democrat, Frank Pallone (NJ)
 Health Subcommittee Chairman Michael Burgess (TX) *
 Health Subcommittee Ranking Democrat Gene Green (TX)
 Note: *Rep. Buddy Carter (GA) Appointed to Committee*

Ways and Means

Chairman Kevin Brady (TX)
 Ranking Democrat, Richard Neal (MA) *
 Health Subcommittee Chair, Pat Tiberi (OH)
 Ranking Democrat Sander Levin (MI) *

*Indicates New Leadership

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Senate

Majority – Republicans

President, VP Mike Pence
 Leader, Mitch McConnell (KY)
 Assistant Leader/Whip, John Cornyn (TX)
 Conference Chair, John Thune (SD)
 NRSC, Cory Gardner (CO)
 Policy Committee Chair, John Barrasso (WY)

Minority – Democrats

Leader, Charles Schumer (NY)
 Policy Committee Chair, Debbie Stabenow (MI)
 Caucus Vice Chairs, Mark Warner (VA) & Elizabeth Warren (MA)
 DSCC Chair, Chris Van Hollen (MD)
 Policy Committee Vice Chair, Joe Manchin (WV)
 Outreach Chair, Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

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Senate Committees

Finance

Chairman, Orrin Hatch (UT)
 Ranking Democrat, Ron Wyden (OR)

HELP

Chairman Lamar Alexander (TN)
 Ranking Democrat, Patty Murray (WA)

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Upcoming Milestones

- ▶ January – Confirmation hearings for Cabinet positions; SCOTUS
- ▶ February 28 – President's address to joint session of Congress
- ▶ March – Congressional budgets, reconciliation instructions, CHIP reauthorization, etc. ; Debt Ceiling Reached (can be extended with extraordinary measure by WH)
- ▶ April 16 – First 100 days; POTUS Budget
- ▶ July 1 – Beginning of many state fiscal years; Governors need to finalize Medicaid and CHIP budgets
- ▶ July 30 – FDA user fee RIF notices – UFAs, pricing, FDA reform riders need to be wrapping up
- ▶ September 30 – Expiration of FDA User Fees, CHIP, Health Care Extenders (Medicare, Medicaid, Public Health)
- ▶ October 1 – New fiscal year begins

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Congressional Plans for Health Care ??

- ▶ ACA Repeal and Replacement
 - CMMI
 - Drug Importation
 - Negotiating Part D Prices
 - Medicaid Block Grants
 - Provider Non-discrimination (Sec. 3706 of ACA)
 - Essential Benefits
 - 340B
- ▶ Other Health Related Issues
 - Drug Pricing
 - Changes to MACRA
 - Drug Takeback Programs
 - Entitlement Reform
 - User Fee Acts

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OTHER CONGRESSIONAL HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES