

Breaking News!



How NCPA is helping you

CARES Act — Small Business Assistance

The **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**, authorized by Congress earlier this month as part of a larger package (CARES Act) to help small businesses, ran out of money several days ago. NCPA was part of a coalition of small business organizations [urging Congress](#) to authorize additional funds. The **United States Senate** passed a \$484 billion package yesterday and the **US House of Representatives** is expected to follow today. The President is expected to sign the legislation immediately.

What You Need to Do Today

- If you haven't already applied DO IT TODAY. [Click this link](#) for an application.
- Get your documents together.
- Ask your bank if they are an SBA lender and, if not, look for one on the SBA website ASAP. [Here's our guide](#) to COVID-19 financing.
- Check on your application if you have already filed.
- Check out the [webinar recently updated by accountants](#) focused on pharmacies, Ollin and Scotty Sykes.
- For any other information related to COVID-19, please visit the [NCPA Coronavirus Resource Page](#).

Removing Patient Care Obstacles

NCPA's has had multiple conversations and correspondence with CMS asking to remove administrative hurdles that slow pharmacists' ability to care for patients. As a result, the agency updated its COVID-19 guidance to Medicare Advantage and Part D plans this week. Here's what we achieved:

- CMS temporarily waived Part D medication delivery documentation and signature log requirements during the national health crisis.
- CMS to temporarily suspend plan-coordinated pharmacy audits.

- CMS relaxed requirements for community and LTC pharmacies for prior authorization, point of sale edits, and short-cycle dispensing. See more about our efforts [here](#).

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