



Congressional Advocates

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Two years ago, NCPA asked a handful of interested lawmakers to establish a forum for discussing community pharmacy issues. Today, the Congressional Community Pharmacy Coalition is officially recognized by the House of Representatives as a Congressional Member Organization permitted to form in order to pursue common legislative objectives.



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The coalition's primary objective is to preserve patient access to community pharmacies by restoring fairness and pragmatism to a health care system that often devalues these small business owners who frequently work in underserved rural communities and urban neighborhoods.

"Preserving patient access to America's most accessible health care professionals" is the coalition's motto. Co-chairs are Reps. Marion Berry (D-Ark.), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), and Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.).

Below is a list of the coalition's members by state. If your representative is not listed, please ask them to join.

- Alabama:** Robert Aderholt (R), Mike Rogers (R)
- Arkansas:** Rodney Alexander (R), Marion Berry (D), John Boozman (R), Mike Ross (D)
- California:** Linda Sanchez (D)
- Connecticut:** Joe Courtney (D)
- Florida:** F. Allen Boyd (D)
- Georgia:** John Barrow (D)
- Kansas:** Lynn Jenkins (R), Jerry Moran (R), Todd Tiahrt (R)
- Kentucky:** Geoff Davis (R)
- Louisiana:** Charlie Melancon (D)
- Michigan:** Peter Hoekstra (R)
- Minnesota:** Tim Walz (D)
- Missouri:** Roy Blunt (R), Jo Ann Emerson (R)
- Nebraska:** Jeff Fortenberry (R)
- New Jersey:** Frank LoBiondo (R)
- New York:** Michael Arcuri (D), Maurice Hinchey (D), Christopher Lee (R), Nita Lowey (D), Carolyn McCarthy (D), Michael McMahon (D), Anthony Weiner (D)
- North Carolina:** Virginia Foxx (R), Walter Jones (R), Mike McIntyre (D), David Price (D)
- Ohio:** Zack Space (D), Charles Wilson (D)
- Oregon:** Greg Walden (R)
- Pennsylvania:** Chris Carney (D), Jim Gerlach (R), Tim Holden (D)
- South Dakota:** Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D)
- Tennessee:** Lincoln Davis (D)
- Texas:** Lloyd Doggett (D), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D), Solomon Ortiz (D), Ciro Rodriguez (D), Peter Sessions (R)
- Virginia:** Rick Boucher (D), Bob Goodlatte (R)
- Washington:** Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R) **ap**

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