



Experts in medication management.
Improving the lives of older adults.

Policy Priorities

ASCP's advocacy priorities center around medication accessibility, affordability, and management services for older adults.

AFFORDABILITY

THROUGHOUT THE BELTWAY

As pharmacists, we understand that the high price of pharmaceuticals is one of the largest barriers to patient care. Our organization has been active in every step of the drug pricing debate, and we have continually supported legislative fixes aimed at curbing rising drug costs, increasing transparency, making medications more affordable for our patients, and securing how pharmacies and pharmacists are reimbursed for services they provide.

ASCP understands the dynamic political environment at play in the drug pricing chain. That is why we support transparency in the drug pricing process and why we fight to ensure that pharmacies and pharmacists are fairly reimbursed for the vital services that they provide.

ON THE HILL

While ASCP has had many victories in the fight to maintain and improve medication affordability, ASCP continues to advocate for legislative fixes to improve transparency and affordability in drug pricing, like finding a solution to direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fees.

The DIR fees that insurers claw back from pharmacies makes it harder for older adults to access the medications they need at a price they can afford. This is why our legislative agenda includes educating lawmakers on these pharmacy fees that insurers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) impose on pharmacies. ASCP has joined several other pharmacy organizations to help solicit support from 105 Representatives and 28 Senators in sending a letter to President Trump urging for DIR fee reform.

ASCP members have also been vocal advocates of drug pricing reform. At our annual legislative advocacy day, our pharmacist members participated in 110 meetings on Capitol Hill to discuss the importance of medication affordability and its impact on patient care. This annual legislative day allows ASCP to cultivate wide support for our most pressing legislative priorities.

We hope you will join us in our fight to increase patient access, increase affordability, and optimize medication management.

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