



We're Your Pharmacist

2025 Legislative Day Participant Guide
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YOUR MESSAGES

Your meetings with members of Congress and their aides will help policymakers understand how the policies they consider affect the well-being of the people and organizations they represent. Use examples from your practice to demonstrate the impact ASHP's policy proposals will have on your patients, your practice site, and your community.

Here's what we're asking Congress to do:

Co-sponsor the Ensure Community Access to Pharmacist Services

Act (H.R. 3164/S. 2426) to allow Medicare patients to access the testing and treatment services pharmacists are licensed to provide in your state.

Tell the policymaker what services pharmacists are licensed to provide in your state. Offer specific examples from your practice to demonstrate how you help improve patient outcomes and reduce the cost of care.

Co-sponsor the Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act (H.R. 1708/S. 1087)

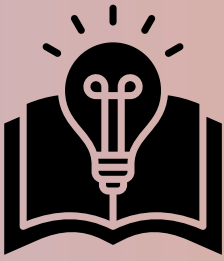
directing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to clarify the requirements health systems must meet to receive Medicare reimbursement for operating pharmacy, nursing, and allied health residency programs and halt the clawbacks of these critical funds.

Talk about your experience as a pharmacy resident and how the training developed your patient care skills. Tell the policymaker if your program has experienced clawbacks and whether CMS has denied funding to PGY-2, ambulatory, or community-based residencies in your state.

Co-sponsor the 340B PATIENTS Act (H.R. 4581/S.2372)

legislation prohibiting drug manufacturers from imposing restrictions on where your patients can pick up their medications, including contract pharmacies in your community.

If your system participates in the 340B Drug Pricing Program, share examples of services supported by 340B discounts. Emphasize how these services reduce the need for costly inpatient services. Stress that your patients shouldn't be required to drive across the county/state to receive their 340B medications due to manufacturer restrictions on contract pharmacies.



THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

DURING YOUR MEETINGS

- **Designate a team leader** to be the primary spokesperson for your group. This person can kick off the meeting and ensure everything runs smoothly.
- **Allow time for introductions. At the start of your meeting, be sure to:**
 - Offer your business card and introduce yourself and your practice site.
 - Thank the member of Congress or the staff for taking time to meet with the group.
 - Remind them you are representing ASHP and the members in your state.
- **Refer to the key messages document.** The materials include key points you should share during your meetings.
- **Keep the tone of the meeting positive.** You may encounter legislators or staffers who disagree with ASHP's policy stances and/or your personal political views. Do not argue with them if they share their opinions. Let them speak, then continue presenting your messages about patient care.
- **Topics to avoid include the following:**
 - Issues before Congress unrelated to healthcare, especially controversial topics
 - Disparaging remarks about political affiliations or candidates for office
 - Past or future contributions to the legislator's campaign fund
- **Go with the flow.** It is not uncommon for a member of Congress to be late or to have a meeting interrupted due to a busy schedule. If interruptions do occur, be flexible.
- **Offer to serve as a resource on health-related issues.** Encourage the member of Congress or staff person to contact you when they have questions about the impact proposed healthcare legislation may have on their constituents.

AFTER THE MEETING

- Complete the **feedback form**. This form helps ASHP staff during our follow-up with congressional offices.
- **Send a thank you email** that reiterates the points discussed during your meeting.
- **Let ASHP staff know about any additional information requested by a congressional office.** Be sure to follow up with the Hill office as soon as possible.



CO-SPONSORS OF KEY LEGISLATION

AS OF AUGUST 21, 2025

Ensuring Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (H.R. 3164)

Rep. Jake Auchincloss (MA)

Rep. Mike Bost (IL)

Rep. Mike Carey (OH)

Rep. Buddy Carter (GA)

Rep. Juan Ciscomani (AZ)

Rep. Angie Craig (MN)

Rep. Sharice Davids (KS)

Rep. Suzan DelBene (WA)

Rep. Lloyd Doggett (TX)

Rep. Michelle Fischbach (MN)

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA)

Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (TX)

Rep. Josh Gottheimer (NJ)

Rep. Diana Harshbarger (TN)

Rep. Kevin Hern (OK)

Rep. Ashley Hinson (IA)

Rep. Dusty Johnson (SD)

Rep. Robin Kelly (IL)

Rep. Jennifer Kiggans (VA)

Rep. Young Kim (CA)

Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL)

Rep. David Kustoff (TN)

Rep. Darin LaHood (IL)

Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (NY)

Rep. Tracey Mann (KS)	Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC)	Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY)
Rep. Doris Matsui (CA)		Rep. Paul Tonko (NY)
Rep. Jennifer McClellan (VA)	Rep. Burgess Owens (UT)	Rep. Lori Trahan (MA)
Rep. Richard McCormick (GA)	Rep. Emily Randall (WA)	Rep. Derek Tran (CA)
Rep. John McGuire (VA)	Rep. Bradley Schneider (IL)	Rep. Beth Van Duyne (TX)
Rep. Carol Miller (WV)	Rep. Terri Sewell (AL)	Rep. Marc Veasey (TX)
Rep. John Moolenaar (MI)	Rep. Adrian Smith (NE)	Rep. Simon Vindman (VA)
Rep. Blake Moore (UT)	Rep. Darren Soto (FL)	Rep. Rudy Yakym (IN)
Rep. Nathaniel Moran (TX)	Rep. Gregory Steube (FL)	

Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (S. 2426)

Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)	Sen. James Lankford (OK)	Sen. Elizabeth Warren (MA)
Sen. Steve Daines (MT)	Sen. John Thune (SD)	Sen. Peter Welch (VT)
Sen. Margaret Wood Hassan (NH)	Sen. Thomas Tillis (NC)	
	Sen. Mark Warner (VA)	

Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act of 2025 (H.R. 1708)

Rep. Angie Craig (MN)	Rep. Michelle Fischbach (MN)	Rep. Darin LaHood (IL)
Rep. Donald Davis (NC)		

Rebuild America's Health Care Schools Act of 2025 (S. 1087)

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (MN)	Sen. Thomas Tillis (NC)
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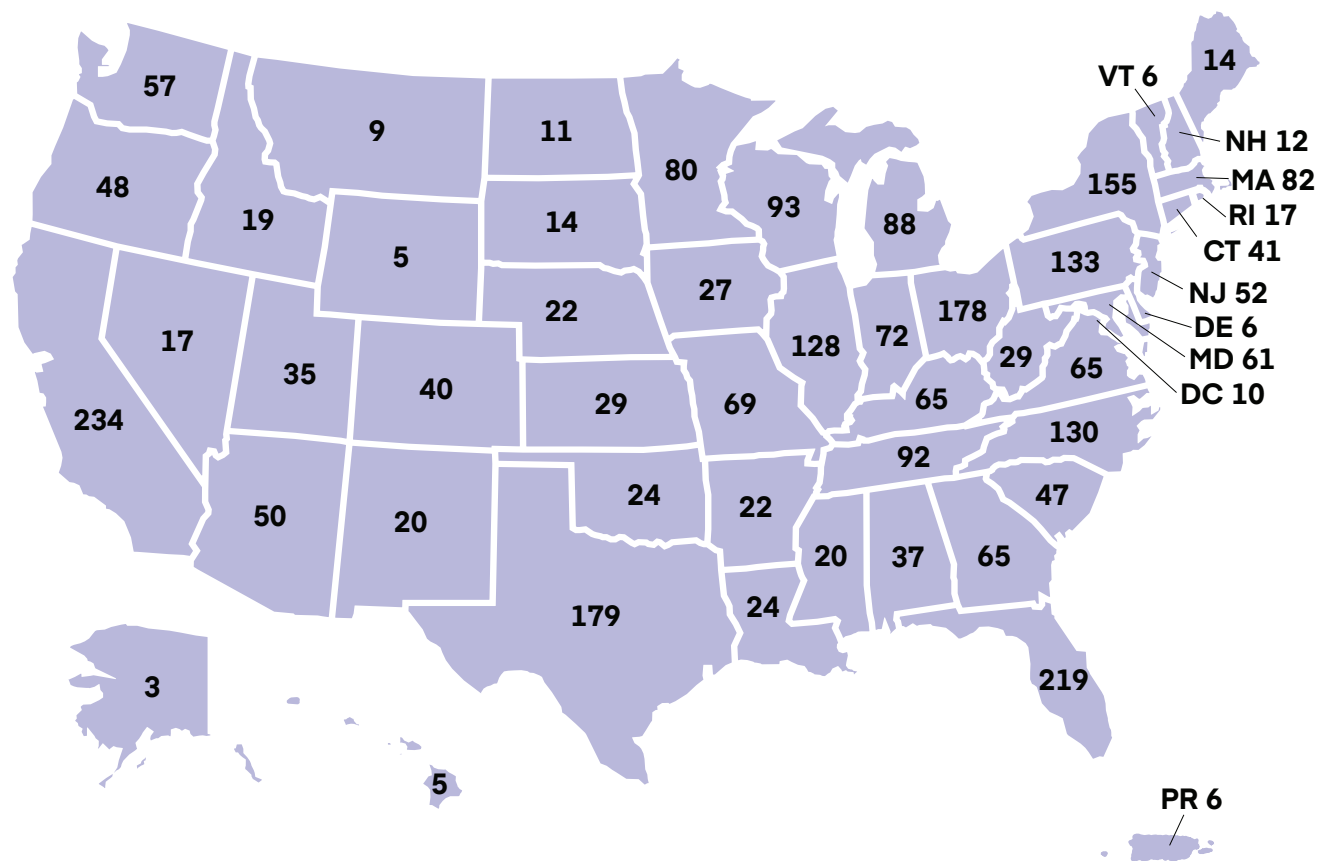
The 340B PATIENTS Act of 2025 (H.R. 4581)

Rep. Kathy Castor (FL)	Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL)	Rep. Shri Thanedar (MI)
Rep. Sharice Davids (KS)	Rep. Doris Matsui (CA)	Rep. Rashida Tlaib (MI)
Rep. Veronica Escobar (TX)	Rep. Betty McCollum (MN)	Rep. Paul Tonko (NY)
Rep. Maxwell Frost (FL)	Rep. James McGovern (MA)	Rep. Lori Trahan (MA)

The 340B PATIENTS Act of 2025 (S. 2372)

Sen. Maria Cantwell (WA)	Sen. Jeff Merkley (OR)	Sen. Peter Welch (VT)
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PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM FUNDING MAP



Programs Ineligible for CMS Funding

(Community-based and PGY2)

State	# Ineligible Programs	State	# Ineligible Programs	State	# Ineligible Programs	State	# Ineligible Programs
AK	1	ID	13	MT	0	PR	3
AL	20	IL	77	NC	92	RI	10
AR	10	IN	46	ND	4	SC	32
AZ	24	KS	15	NE	12	SD	9
CA	112	KY	41	NH	4	TN	55
CO	22	LA	10	NJ	21	TX	106
CT	26	MA	56	NM	13	UT	25
DC	3	MD	36	NV	9	VA	39
DE	2	ME	9	NY	84	VT	2
FL	219	MI	53	OH	100	WA	23
GA	39	MN	49	OK	11	WI	54
HI	1	MO	39	OR	26	WV	17
IA	14	MS	9	PA	69	WY	0

PHARMACIST INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY

State	Pharmacists Manage Medications Under Collaborative Practice Agreements	Pharmacists Prescribe Independently or Via Statewide Protocol	State	Pharmacists Manage Medications Under Collaborative Practice Agreements	Pharmacists Prescribe Independently or Via Statewide Protocol
AK	✓	✓	MT	✓	✓
AL	✓	✓	NC	✓	✓
AR	✓	✓	ND	✓	✓
AZ	✓	✓	NE	✓	✗
CA	✓	✓	NH	✓	✗
CO	✓	✓	NJ	✓	✓
CT	✓	✓	NM	✓	✓
DC	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓
DE	✓	✓	NY	✓	✓
FL	✓	✗	OH	✓	✗
GA	✓	✗	OK	✓	✓
HI	✓	✓	OR	✓	✓
IA	✓	✓	PA	✓	✓
ID	✓	✓	PR	✓	✗
IL	✓	✓	RI	✓	✓
IN	✓	✓	SC	✓	✓
KS	✓	✓	SD	✓	✓
KY	✓	✓	TN	✓	✓
LA	✓	✓	TX	✓	✓
MA	✓	✓	UT	✓	✓
MD	✓	✓	VA	✓	✓
ME	✓	✓	VT	✓	✓
MI	✓	✓	WA	✓	✓
MN	✓	✓	WI	✓	✓
MO	✓	✓	WV	✓	✓
MS	✓	✗	WY	✓	✓

As of August 1, 2025



SOCIAL MEDIA PRIMER

Use the hashtags — **#4OurPatients** and **#YourPharmacist** — in all the messages you post about your legislative meetings. This will help others interested in this issue follow the event on social media. If space permits, use additional hashtags/keywords such as **#Protect340B**.

Here are some ideas to make good use of social media when engaging with elected officials:

- **Keep your social media posts positive or neutral**, even if you don't share the same political view or agenda as the elected official you visit. If the meetings weren't particularly positive for pharmacists and pharmacy, here are ways you can still share:
 - Express gratitude for the person's time.
 - Share that you personally lobbied them for pharmacists' provider status.
 - Acknowledge that more work needs to be done in your state.
- **Know the X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram handles of the elected official with whom you are meeting.** Check the member of Congress' website or do a quick Google search to find their X or Instagram account (and make sure it is the official Hill account—many members of Congress have congressional as well as campaign or personal accounts). Use that username in your posts so the member of Congress can reshare the post on their own channels. If you're active on LinkedIn, consider posting there as well and tagging the member of Congress.
- **Use the time before your meeting to scope out a space for pictures/video.** A good place is next to the flag and nameplate at the office door. Get permission from the receptionist to take photos or video inside the office lobby and meeting room.
- **Ask before you share a photo of an official or staffers.** Although elected officials typically aren't camera-shy, their staff generally aren't used to having photos taken, let alone shared on social media platforms.
- **Keep your messages short for maximum resharing potential.** X lets you share up to 280 characters, but research shows that the messages most likely to get reshared are 100–120 characters. Break your thought into two or three posts (they can all be shared together as a thread) if you need to express something lengthier.
- **Use Instagram Stories for in-the-moment coverage of your day.** Feel free to share pictures and videos via Instagram Stories—make sure to tag @ashpofficial and use the hashtags #YourPharmacist and #4OurPatients. ASHP will reshare your story on our official story and feed as part of our daily coverage.
- **Mention ASHP (@ASHPOfficial) and your facility** on X to either update them or invite them to share your message. In turn, @ASHPOfficial will be promoting the hashtags and encouraging our followers to follow your activities.

If you want to post but are unsure what to say, consider resharing ASHP's content—we'll be posting on all official ASHP platforms (Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and Instagram) throughout the week.



SAMPLE POSTS

- Had a great meeting with @SenSoSo and staff. He wants to help us expand patients' access to pharmacists. **#S2426 #4OurPatients**
- Joined colleagues this A.M. in @RepSoSo's office to talk about pharmacists' role on the healthcare team. **#4OurPatients #pharmacists**
- Excited to be on Capitol Hill with @ASHPOfficial for Policy Week! Follow along as my colleagues and I advocate for the profession. **#4OurPatients #YourPharmacist**
- I'm in our nation's capital this week for @ASHPOfficial's Policy Week—looking forward to catching up with colleagues and working to further the pharmacy profession. **#4OurPatients #YourPharmacist**





GETTING AROUND

ASHP CAPITOL HILL HEADQUARTERS

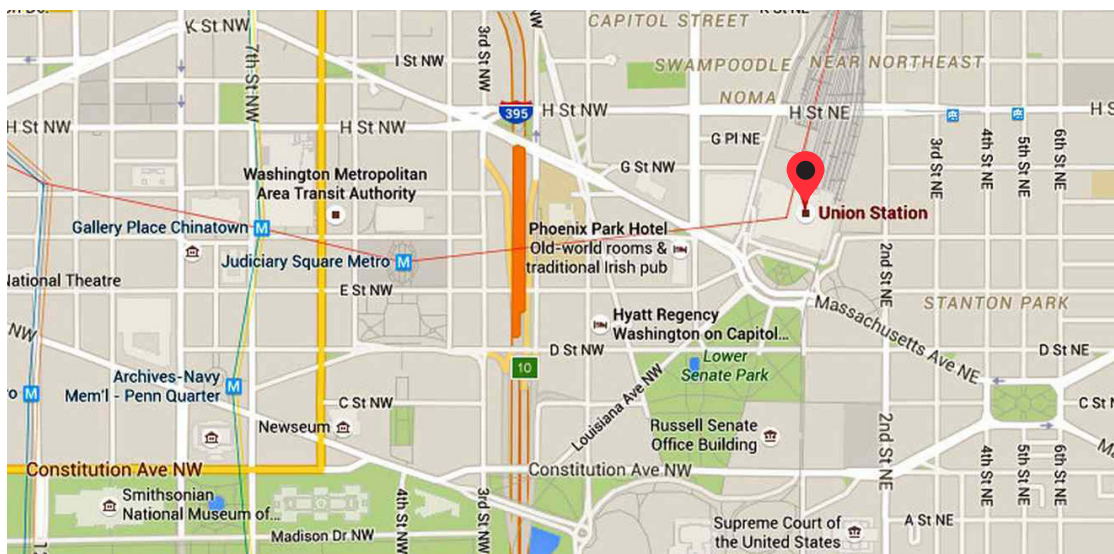
The Columbus Club (Union Station)

50 Massachusetts Ave, NE

7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please do not leave personal items (briefcases, laptops, purses, etc.) in the onsite headquarters.

 ASHP Headquarters



TIPS FOR GETTING AROUND

- Allow 20 to 30 minutes to get from House offices (Rayburn, Longworth, and Cannon) to Senate buildings (Russell, Dirksen, and Hart).
- To get from one House building to another (or between Senate buildings), 10 to 15 minutes is sufficient.
- Factor in 10 -20 minutes to go through the building's security checkpoint.
- Opt for lunch in one of the cafeterias in the congressional office buildings if your break between meetings is 90 minutes or less.
- To return to the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, take the Red Line Metro to the Bethesda station.



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The list below is a sample of the many options available for lunch or a snack while you are on the Hill.

CAFETERIAS

- Longworth House Office Building
- Dirksen Senate Office Building
- Rayburn House Office Building
- Capitol Visitor Center

RESTAURANTS

Mitsitam Expresso Bar and Native Foods Café

National Museum of the American Indian
4th Street & Independence Avenue, SW
Native-inspired foods

The Roost Food Hall

1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Various

Subway

236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Sandwiches

Good Stuff Eatery

303 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Burgers

Chick-fil-A

Union Station
50 Massachusetts Ave, NE
Sandwiches, salads, shakes

Burrito Brothers

205 Pennsylvania Ave, SE
Burritos, tacos

Bullfeathers

410 1st Street, SE
Burgers, sandwiches

Congressional Deli

402 1st Street, SE
Sandwiches

Union Pub

201 Massachusetts Ave, NE
Burgers, salads, sandwiches, wings

Hawk and Dove

329 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Burgers, salads, sandwiches, wings

ABOUT ASHP

ASHP is the largest association of pharmacy professionals in the United States, representing 60,000 pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians in all patient care settings, including hospitals, ambulatory clinics, and health-system community pharmacies. For over 80 years, ASHP has championed innovation in pharmacy practice, advanced education and professional development, and served as a steadfast advocate for members and patients. In addition, ASHP is the accrediting body for pharmacy residency and technician training programs and provides comprehensive resources to support pharmacy professionals through every stage of their careers. For more information, visit ashp.org and ASHP's consumer website, SafeMedication.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Tom Kraus, vice president of government relations, at tkraus@ashp.org or 301-664-8605.

Please scan the QR code to see the impact of these policies in your state.



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