



# INDEPENDENT *Link*

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## **NCPA Annual Conference on National Legislation & Government Affairs May 19-21, 2008 • Hyatt Capitol Hill Hotel • Washington, D.C.**

### **—Coordinate Your Congressional Visits with TPA—**

Community Pharmacy is facing one of the most tumultuous times in history. Cuts to Medicaid reimbursements threaten your ability to serve your patients. Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) continue with their abusive practices in the Medicare program, forcing take-it-or-leave-it contracts on pharmacies while reaping huge profits.

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Legislative Conference is your opportunity to gain insight into how the federal government will impact your business in years to come. You'll learn from political analysts, industry experts and fellow pharmacists about how to effectively engage in the political process to help build the "community pharmacy majority" necessary for legislative success.

Congress needs to understand the crucial role you play in helping to contain healthcare costs while ensuring quality care. This is your opportunity to help educate your U.S. Senators and Representative and let them know firsthand what is happening to your patients and your pharmacy. Key members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as well as government officials and political insiders, will be on hand to share their views on targeted community pharmacy issues with NCPA Legislative Conference participants.

This is your opportunity to be an insider—to discuss community pharmacy issues on Capitol Hill with the people who can make things happen. For details, conference registration and hotel reservations, visit [www.ncpanet.org/pdf/conferences/2008legconf-brochure.pdf](http://www.ncpanet.org/pdf/conferences/2008legconf-brochure.pdf) to download the brochure, or call NCPA at 800-544-7447.

Experience has proven that our effectiveness is optimized when the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA) is able to coordinate pharmacists' appointments with legislators. **If you are planning to attend, PLEASE NOTIFY TPA BY APRIL 18, so that we may schedule your appointments with your Senators and Representative.** Please complete the form below and fax it to TPA at 615-255-3528 or 800-214-2256. If you prefer, you may call 615-256-3023 or email [kelly@tnpharm.org](mailto:kelly@tnpharm.org). TPA will contact you with scheduling information.

Thank you!

**Who Should Attend?**  
Independent community pharmacists who want to become politically active and advocate on behalf of the profession.

Name	Pharmacy/Company Name
Address	City/State/Zip
Phone	Fax
	Email

Congressional Representative(s) You Plan to Visit

Scheduling Preferences or Limitations

It's easy to join TPA or pay 2008 membership dues! Visit <https://secure.xo.com/tnpharm.org/index.shtml> or call TPA, 615.256.3023.

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