**NPSC & IPC Hold Joint Meeting with Senator Markey’s Office**

On October 6th, NPSC and the Independent Pharmacy Cooperative (IPC) held a joint meeting with Senator Markey (D-MA) to discuss current House and Senate PBM legislation, current events in the U.S. House of Representatives in light of the confusion surrounding the next Speaker of the House and the upcoming DIR cliff. We were happy to have NPSC participating pharmacist Saad Dinno from Dinno Health attend the call as well.

With the confusion in the House, Senator Markey did not have much to offer as far as which PBM bill would potentially become law, however; much of the conversation focused on DIR and the concerns around network adequacy.

NPSC is working with IPC on some ideas of how to collaborate with our national industry and legislative contacts that we share in common to hopefully get CMS to come to a more constructive solution to help independent pharmacies cope with the transition to upfront DIR fees.

We will continue to work with Senator Markey and others and will keep you posted on what we hear about these important issues.