



March 8, 2023

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Attention: CMS-0053-P
P.O. Box 8013
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850
Submitted via regulations.gov

Re: Proposed Rule CMS-0053-P

To Whom It May Concern:

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NCPDP appreciates the opportunity to provide the following comments to the provisions outlined in CMS-0053-P as they relate to pharmacies.

NCPDP agrees with the conclusion in Section V.D.11 (Regulatory Impact Analysis-Anticipated Effects-Pharmacies) that pharmacies are generally not impacted by the changes in this proposed rule.

For direct inquiries or questions related to this letter, please contact:

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lee Ann C. Stember". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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