

TRICARE-Express Scripts Contract Causing 15,000 Pharmacies to Leave Network

IPA has created a [resource](#) for patients and pharmacies affected by the TRICARE contract dispute. Sixteen Senators, including Iowa Senator Charles Grassley, signed a [letter](#) to Seileen Mullen, the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, asking for answers regarding reimbursement by Express Scripts for in-network pharmacies of TRICARE beneficiaries. On October 24, 2022, approximately 15,000 community pharmacies will leave the TRICARE retail network due to the reduction in reimbursement. This will impact nearly 400,000 beneficiaries. Express Scripts reports the TRICARE retail network states there will be an in-network pharmacy within a 15-minute drive of 90% of beneficiaries.