

ENSURING EQUITABLE PATIENT ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES

Support Federal Legislation to Improve Health Equity, Combat COVID-19 & Respond to Future Public Health Threats

FEDERAL BARRIERS UNDERMINE THE ABILITY OF PHARMACISTS TO CARE FOR PATIENTS

How current reimbursement mechanisms endanger patient access to pharmacy care:

In Medicare Part B, pharmacists are reimbursed for administering COVID-19 vaccines and treatments through temporary contracts or “roster billing” and Medicare does not reimburse pharmacists’ testing services.



Without a federal reimbursement mechanism for pharmacist services, Medicare beneficiaries in particular will lose access to essential care and services provided by pharmacists.



Medicare beneficiaries living in rural, socially vulnerable, and underserved areas will be especially impacted by this gap in access to care.



ABOUT THE EQUITABLE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO PHARMACIST SERVICES ACT (H.R. 7213)



Medicare Part B Reimbursement for Pharmacist Care & Services

H.R. 7213 would create a direct reimbursement mechanism to pay for pharmacists’ pandemic services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.



Medicare Coverage & Payment for Future Public Health Emergencies

H.R. 7213 would enable pharmacy to more quickly respond to future Public Health Emergencies by creating a payment mechanism for emergency response services determined by HHS.

EMPOWERING PHARMACISTS TO PROTECT PATIENTS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS

H.R. 7213 establishes Medicare Part B reimbursement for essential services:



TESTING

> COVID-19 • Flu • Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) • Strep Throat



TREATMENT

> COVID-19 • Flu • Strep Throat



VACCINATION

> COVID-19 • Flu

AMERICA'S PHARMACISTS: AN ACCESSIBLE SOURCE OF CARE FOR PATIENTS



PHARMACIES
ARE ACCESSIBLE
TO NEARLY ALL
AMERICANS.

**Nearly
9 in 10
Americans**

live within 5 miles
of a pharmacy!¹



PHARMACISTS ARE
VACCINATING MILLIONS
OF AMERICANS
AGAINST COVID-19.

**234 million
COVID-19
vaccine doses**

have been administered
by America's pharmacists
and community
pharmacies through
March 2022.²



PHARMACISTS KEEP
MEDICALLY
UNDERSERVED
COMMUNITIES HEALTHY.

**77% of
community
pharmacies**

serve population areas
of 50,000 or fewer.
Pharmacists provide
accessible and timely
care and services
to America's medically
underserved communities.³



PHARMACISTS ARE
TRAINED AND READY
TO PREVENT FUTURE
PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS.

**More than
376,000
pharmacists**

had been trained to
administer vaccines as
of December 31, 2020,
keeping patients and
communities across the
U.S. safe and healthy.⁴



**Congress should immediately enact H.R. 7213 to ensure
patients have consistent access to essential health services.**

A federal legislative policy change is needed to enable
patients to continue to receive treatment from pharmacists
for pandemic-related health conditions.

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "Get to Know Your Pharmacist." January 2021.

²Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "Understanding the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination." August 2021.

³National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). "NCPA Releases 2020 Digest Report." October 2020.

⁴American Pharmacists Association, "Electronic Submission to HHS Docket No. HRSA-2021-0001." February 2021.