



FUTURE OF  
PHARMACY CARE  
COALITION

ENSURING EQUITABLE PATIENT ACCESS  
TO ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

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



**Medicare Part B Reimbursement  
for Pharmacist Care & Services**

H.R. 7213 creates Medicare Part B direct reimbursement mechanisms for pharmacists' services related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health threats.



**Medicare Coverage & Payment for  
Future Public Health Emergencies**

H.R. 7213 creates a mechanism to establish Medicare coverage and payment for pharmacy- and pharmacist-provided services, as determined by HHS in response to Public Health Emergency declarations.

**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.

**9 in 10 Americans**

live within 5 miles of a pharmacy.<sup>1</sup>



PHARMACISTS ARE VACCINATING MILLIONS OF AMERICANS AGAINST COVID-19.

**248 million COVID-19 vaccine doses**

have been administered by America's pharmacists & community pharmacies through May 2022.<sup>2</sup>



PHARMACISTS KEEP MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES HEALTHY.

**77% of community pharmacies**

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



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. healthy and safe.<sup>4</sup>

## SUPPORT H.R. 7213

to enable patients to continue to receive timely and consistent care and services from America's pharmacists, including services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and respond to future public health threats.



## FUTURE OF PHARMACY CARE COALITION

The Future of Pharmacy Care Coalition is dedicated to creating a more equitable and accessible care experience for patients. The Coalition is advocating for federal policy solutions that recognize the critical role pharmacists play to care for patients and ensure they can continue to create a more just and sustainable healthcare system.

The Coalition comprises American healthcare companies and professional associations that together provide care for hundreds of millions of patients across communities and represent pharmacists and community pharmacies of all sizes across the U.S.

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

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

<sup>3</sup>National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). "NCPA Releases 2020 Digest Report." October 2020.

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



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