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OLDER AMERICANS AGREE: CONGRESS SHOULD ENSURE PATIENT ACCESS TO TESTING, TREATMENT & VACCINATION FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Support H.R. 7213 to Ensure Equitable Patient Access to Essential Health Services

MORE THAN 8 IN 10 OLDER AMERICANS AGREE

Congress should ensure patients have access to critical services from pharmacists and reimburse pharmacists for testing and treatment for infectious diseases.

NATIONAL SURVEY: OLDER AMERICANS SUPPORT ENSURING PATIENT ACCESS TO PHARMACIST SERVICES



of older Americans, including 91% of Hispanic respondents, agree that the government should reimburse pharmacists for providing testing, vaccination and treatment for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, such as flu and strep.



of older Americans agree that they want access to testing, vaccination, and treatment at the pharmacy during COVID-19 and future public health emergencies, including 57% of non-white respondents who strongly agreed with this sentiment, and 89% of Hispanic respondents in general agreement.



of older Americans report concern at the prospect of lacking reliable access to testing, vaccination, or treatment from their local pharmacist during future public health emergencies, including 53% of non-white respondents and 56% of Hispanic respondents who felt very concerned by this prospect.

The survey was fielded to 1,009 adults aged 64 and older and was conducted by John Zogby Strategies, a leading national consumer and political survey company.

EQUITABLE ACCESS: DIVERSE COMMUNITIES RELY ON PHARMACISTS FOR ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES



84%

of non-white older patients

want to be able to access vaccines, testing, and treatments for flu, strep, or future pandemic infections from their local pharmacist.



40%

of non-white older patients

say pharmacists are their most accessible health care provider and a critical source of care; that number rises to 45% among Hispanic respondents who rely on pharmacists to stay safe from infectious diseases.

CONGRESS SHOULD SUPPORT H.R. 7213 TO ENSURE PATIENT ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

H.R. 7213, the Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act, would ensure Medicare beneficiaries maintain access to essential care and services provided by pharmacists and would create Medicare Part B direct reimbursement mechanisms for pharmacists' services related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other infectious diseases, including flu, strep throat, and RSV.



FUTURE OF PHARMACY CARE COALITION

The Future of Pharmacy Care Coalition comprises American healthcare companies and professional associations that together provide care for hundreds of millions of patients. The Coalition advocates for federal policy solutions (H.R. 7213) that recognize and advance the critical role pharmacists play to care for patients.



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