ENSURE PATIENT ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL PHARMACIST SERVICES & STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

Support Federal Legislation to Protect the Front-Line Role Pharmacists Play to Deliver Essential Care and Services to America’s Seniors

ABOUT THE EQUITABLE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO PHARMACIST SERVICES ACT

Medicare Part B Reimbursement for Pharmacist Care & Services

H.R. 1770/S. 2477 creates Medicare Part B direct reimbursement mechanisms for pharmacists’ services to protect America’s seniors from the threat of infectious diseases.

EMPOWERING PHARMACISTS TO PROTECT SENIORS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS

H.R. 1770/S. 2477 establishes Medicare Part B reimbursement for essential pharmacist services:

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

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

- **VACCINATION**
  - COVID-19 • Flu • Pneumococcal • Hepatitis B

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AMERICA’S PHARMACISTS: AN ACCESSIBLE SOURCE OF CARE FOR AMERICA’S SENIORS

PHARMACISTS ARE THE FIRST & MOST ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.
9 in 10 Americans live within 5 miles of a pharmacy, and patients visit their community pharmacist approximately twice as frequently as they visit primary care physicians.

PHARMACISTS STRENGTHEN OUR NATION’S PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE.
Pharmacists in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program alone have administered more than 301 million COVID-19 vaccine doses as of March 2023. Pharmacists provided over 50 million influenza and other vaccinations since the beginning of the pandemic.

PHARMACISTS KEEP SENIOR & RURAL COMMUNITIES HEALTHY.
More than half of pharmacists (55%) work in a community based setting and 77% of community pharmacies serve population areas of 50,000 or fewer. Pharmacists have delivered many of the 25 million COVID-19 vaccines to received by rural Americans.

PHARMACISTS AVERTED 1 MILLION DEATHS & HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS IN COSTS.
By conservative estimates, the 350 million clinical interventions to approximately 150 million people that pharmacists have provided during the pandemic averted over 1 million COVID-19 deaths, 8 million hospitalizations, and $450 billion in health care costs.

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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.

Support H.R. 1770/S.2477
While Americans with private insurance, Medicaid beneficiaries, and federal employees may be covered, America’s seniors will be left behind if Congress doesn’t act to ensure access to essential pharmacist services in Medicare.