



FUTURE OF  
PHARMACY CARE  
COALITION

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

# 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.<sup>1</sup>



**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.<sup>2</sup>



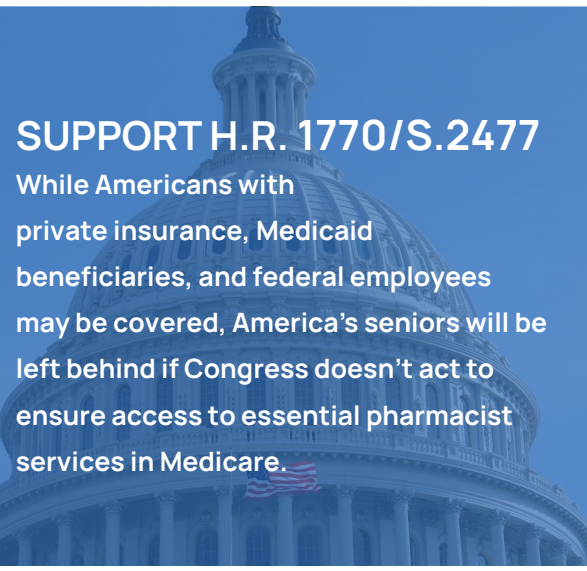
**PHARMACISTS KEEP SENIOR & RURAL COMMUNITIES HEALTHY.**

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.<sup>3</sup>



**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**.<sup>4</sup>



## 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.



## 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; Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. "Disparities in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Between Urban and Rural Counties – United States, December 14, 2020–January 31, 2022". March 2022.

<sup>4</sup>John D. Grabenstein. "Essential services: Quantifying the contributions of America's pharmacists in COVID-19 clinical interventions". Journal of the American Pharmacies Association. November 2022.

