

January 20, 2017

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Representative G.K. Butterfield
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Dear Representatives Guthrie, Reed, Butterfield and Kind.

The Patient Access to Pharmacists' Care Coalition (PAPCC) applauds the introduction of H.R. 592, the Pharmacy and Medically Underserved Areas Enhancement Act, and commends you and your colleagues for your leadership on this important issue. Your legislation fully supports our primary goal to expand medically-underserved patients' access to pharmacist services consistent with state scope of practice law.

PAPCC is a group of more than 35 national and 70 state organizations representing patients, pharmacists, pharmacies, and other interested stakeholders. Our mission is to enable patient access to, and payment for, Medicare Part B services by state-licensed pharmacists in medically underserved communities.

Your legislation appropriately recognizes the role that pharmacists can and do play on the health care team—such as conducting health and wellness tests and managing chronic diseases. These are important services that pharmacists are currently authorized to provide under state law, and are prepared to provide consistent with their extensive professional education.

We congratulate you on your foresight and look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation. If you have any questions, please contact PAPCC advisors Vince Ventimiglia or David Lee at (202) 774-1408.

Thank you,
The Patient Access to Pharmacists' Care Coalition